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Longtime Resident Susie Waxwood, Dies at 103

Susie Waxwood, 103, the first African American to serve as executive director of the Princeton YWCA, died January 30 at The Pavilions at Forrestal, an assisted living facility in Plainsboro.

Born and raised in Gray, Louisiana, she attended elementary and high school at Straight College at Dillard University. In 1925 she graduated from Howard University with a B.A. in English Literature. She married Howard B. Waxwood Jr. in 1929 and five years later moved to Princeton.

Another long-time Princeton resident, Albert Hinds, who will turn 104 in April and still lives in the Borough, claims responsibility for Mr. and Ms. Waxwood's nuptials.

Having known each other since childhood, Mr. Hinds introduced Ms. Waxwood, then Susie Brown, to Mr. Waxwood while working at Straight College in New Orleans, which later became Dillard University.

Mr. Waxwood, who died in 1977 at 72, was in the vanguard of the integration of Princeton schools. A physicist, he was principal of the Witherspoon School.

Also a leader in removing racial barriers, Ms. Waxwood served as executive director of the Princeton YWCA from 1958 to 1968.

During World War II she volunteered for the American Red Cross and also assisted in programs for servicemen stationed at Fort Dix.

She served the Princeton community in many ways. She was a member of the Soroptimist International Club of Princeton, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and the Central New Jersey Chapter of the Links, Inc. She also served on the Mercer County Council on Aging, which she chaired for four years, and served two terms as the State's delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. Last month she was recognized by the Mercer County Office on Aging for her outstanding contributions.

Appointed to the board of directors of the Princeton Nursery School, she helped start the Princeton Adult School, served on the Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation, and was one of the authors of *A Recipe Sampler*, a cookbook published to help provide

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PLANNING MERWICK'S FUTURE: The nine acres of land that house Princeton HealthCare System's Merwick Care Center were on the minds of residents and planners alike Thursday as Planning Board discussions began on future development on not only that site, but on the nearby YM/YWCA and Princeton University lands as well. The Planning Board seemed to favor the preservation of the Merwick mansion, the site's original structure, shown above.

Residents, Planners, Brainstorm Merwick

In its first formal attempt to brainstorm future redevelopment designs of the nine-acre site that houses the Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane, the Regional Planning Board agreed last Thursday that this particular project could benefit from tapping into a local architectural pool that seems more than eager to help.

Members of the Board, responding to calls for a so-called "charette," or an intense planning session involving an assortment of players, seemed open to the possibility of regarding the site with a more intense level of community input.

"We should look at this collective problem with collective solutions," said Kevin Wilkes, a MacLean Street resident and an architect who was a primary collaborator in the Writers Block literary Garden in 2004.

Princeton HealthCare System, the parent company of Merwick and the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), has contracted Princeton University as the potential purchaser of the land and the facility, which will likely be made into graduate housing. The University has indicated that it could integrate the site with the Stanworth Apartments, which lie directly to the north on a tract approximately double that of Merwick's nine acres.

Mr. Wilkes, who is also involved with Princeton Future, a community group

that examines in-town development, offered the assistance of the group as steps are taken to amend the Princeton Community Master Plan to guide any future development. Princeton Future spearheaded its own "Witherspoon Street Corridor Study" that examined, among other aspects of the roadway, the future of the UMCP site.

Planners are finding themselves with what appears to be a tricky planning

endeavor since the site also abuts the John-Witherspoon neighborhood and features a heavily wooded area, arguably the last significant piece of undeveloped land in the Borough. The Merwick site is wedged between the YM/YWCA campus and the Stanworth Apartments.

With discussions of its long-range capital improvement plans underway.

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Police Nab Township Man Responsible For Hamilton Township Bank Heist

A Princeton Township man was arrested yesterday for his part in a Hamilton Township bank robbery on Sunday.

Thomas Mauro of Witherspoon Street was arrested after an investigation by Hamilton Township, Washington Township, and Burlington Township police detectives identified him as the person who robbed a Commerce Bank on Route 33 in Hamilton Sunday, around 2:15 p.m.

Police said that Mr. Mauro, 52, entered the bank and handed the teller a note demanding money. According to police reports Mr. Mauro then placed his hand in his jacket as if he were reaching for a weapon. Although Mr. Mauro did

not show a weapon, the reports said, the teller handed over an undisclosed amount of cash.

According to reports, Mr. Mauro then fled the scene, crossing Route 33 and heading toward the Foxmoor Shopping Center in Washington Township.

The Washington Township police subsequently dispatched a K-9 unit in pursuit of Mr. Mauro, but came up empty handed, until yesterday afternoon. Details have not been provided as to how police tracked down Mr. Mauro at his Witherspoon Street home.

It is known, however, that the Hamilton Township police detectives had descended on Princeton

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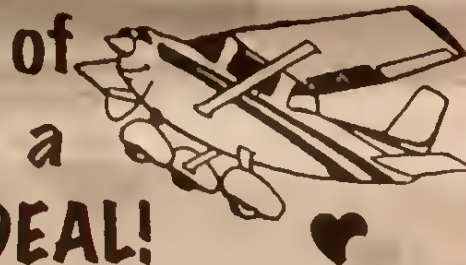
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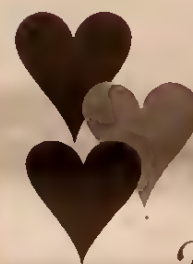
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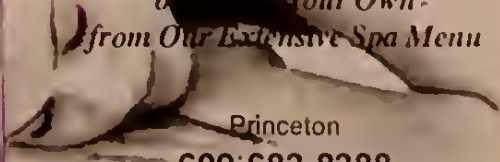
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Fall Completion Date Expected For PHS Labs, Gym, Arts Center

Anne Burns, president of the Princeton Regional Board of Education, reported last

Saturday that while much progress has been made in construction at Princeton High School, the new facilities will not be in use until the fall semester. The Board of Education Facilities Com-

and design, CAD (Computer Aided Design), and TV production will also be added as well as additional classrooms; data, custodial and storage closets; boiler room; loading dock, garage and storage area; two special education classrooms; and an administration office.

In addition to the new construction, renovations will be made to the existing school buildings beginning in the summer and continuing through fall 2006 and spring 2007; the renovations will include the installation of air-conditioning, upgrades to the heating and ventilation systems, and the transformation of the exist-

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mittee had met on Friday to review progress, which has been hampered by recent flooding.

Earlier last week, Superintendent Judith Wilson, along with other District administrators and School Board members, toured the PHS facilities under construction. While hopes were then expressed that some of the laboratory classrooms would be in use by mid-March, they are not now expected to be ready until the fall, along with the new auditorium, new gymnasium, and additional classrooms.

New construction and upgrade of existing buildings at PHS are part of a \$81.3 million district-wide school renovation and expansion project that was approved by Princeton Borough and Township voters in 2001. Since then, new facilities and upgrades have been completed at John Witherspoon Middle School and at the four elementary schools of the Princeton Regional Schools District.

Progress at the High School includes the transformation of the cafeteria into a bright, multi-purpose space for study, dances, and graduation parties, with double the seating capacity of the original area.

"The new facilities will be worth waiting for," said Charlotte Bialek, a member of the Board of Education and former Board president. "When the new gym is finished it will be able to seat 1500 students. Currently the entire student body numbers 1340. The basketball hoops are already in place in the new gym."

There will be 12 science labs with prep rooms and student project rooms attached, enabling students to conduct long-term projects without having to dismantle them. Laboratories will be dedicated to biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental sciences. A rooftop greenhouse will be attached to the environmental sciences lab. Labs for 3D graphics

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MODERN AND HISTORIC? Julie Capozzoli, the vice chair of the Township's Historic Preservation Commission emphasized the importance of protecting homes like those on Deer Path and Clover lanes, saying that as modern-style homes "lose favor in the public eye, we're going to lose the appreciation for these structures." She added that it is "unusual" to find virtually an entire development from that time "so well preserved."

(Photo by George Vogli)

1950s-Era Homes

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what would have ended up as a perceived McMansion. But after working with the owners, the homeowners and neighbors arrived at a solution that was more compatible with the rest of the neighborhood.

Julie Capozzoli, the Commission's vice chair, echoed Mr. Sharon, saying that as modern-style homes "lose favor in the public eye, we're going to lose the appreciation for these structures."

"And it's unusual to have so many of these homes in this style so well-preserved from this period of time," she said, pointing to that aspect as a significant factor in the Commission's possible awarding the area a historic district designation.

"The architecture is very simple, but harmonious with nature, and they're unique in this area, in that these have a distinct modern style," Ms. Capozzoli added.

The land where these homes are now built was part of the old Princeton Preparatory School. When the school declared bankruptcy in the late 1930s, it was obtained by the Princeton Bank and Trust, and subsequently deeded to Edmund Cook, who headed the Greenlands Corporation. Mr. Cook began developing the Rollingmead neighborhood around 1940, and picked up pace after World War II ended.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Savage, along with architect Herbert Kendall (of Kendall Park), came to an agreement to develop the Deer Path/Clover Lane neighborhood.

Looking to avoid a potential Levittown uniformity, Rollingmead residents

pushed forward a "no copy-cat" house ordinance. The ordinance was enacted after the Deer Path homes had been approved, but stipulations in the deeds included several covenants, such as selling to only those of the "Caucasian race."

That restriction, however, has since been removed from the deeds.

Development was booming at the time, Ms. Gunning said, and this was just one area of the former farmlands of Princeton Township that was now housing new residents.

"Riverside was startling, the area all the way to the Gulick Farm was under development," she said, adding that "a lot of the development in Princeton was just selling lots." Additionally,

there were several pre-fabricated homes being distributed by the area lumber yards and built on those available lots.

The entire east end of town was booming, with schools being built and the completion of the Princeton Jewish Center, and the establishment of the Princeton Shopping Center supporting and even complementing the level of growth.

"It's amazing," Ms. Gunning said. "Princeton just suddenly blossomed."

And now that part of Princeton could be historic—legally speaking, that is.

The Historical Preservation Commission will continue to review the proposal, Mr. Schure said, but did not offer a specific timeline.

—Matthew Hersh

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Vacation Ends in Tragedy for Princeton High School Junior

Less than two hours after it took off from Trenton-Mercer airport on Friday evening, a twin-engine Beech King Air 200 plane carrying PHS junior Graciela Ramirez and the family of Dr. Jon M. Kraut, dentist of Ewing township, crashed in flames just short of the runway at Grand Strand Airport, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. The 10/11-seat cabin-class plane was owned and piloted by Dr. Kraut.

Ms. Ramirez, Dr. Kraut, his wife Robin, and the couple's three daughters: Avery, 8, Jessica, 6, and April, 2, were killed in the crash. Ms. Ramirez had been invited to spend the weekend at an exclusive beachside country club resort with the Kraut family and to babysit the three girls. It was the first time 17-year-old Graciela, who was born in El Salvador, had sat for the family whom she met through her parents Elia and Freddy Benneondo.

Marc Anderson, a health and physical education teacher at Princeton High School and spokesman for its crisis-counseling team, spoke of Graciela Ramirez as a "really fun, upbeat young lady who seemed to have many friends and sent out positive vibes. Our whole school feels a great sense of loss," he said.

Lew Goldstein of the Princeton Regional Schools

Board, who described Ms. Ramirez as a well-liked girl whose loss would be greatly felt, reported that funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, February 8, at Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel, 1534 Pennington Road, Ewing, following a 9 a.m. calling hour at the chapel for relatives and friends of the family. Burial will follow in Ewing Cemetery, Scotch Road.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

(This story was compiled by Town Topics editorial staff.)

GrandPals Program Begins at Riverside

The Princeton Senior Resource Center, together with Princeton regional schools, have a program called "GrandPals" which connects seniors and kindergarten children for reading sessions. The purpose of the program is to launch a life long love of reading while establishing intergenerational bonds.

Approximately 10 senior volunteers are needed to meet at Riverside School, every Thursday, from 2 to 3 p.m., from February until

June. No experience is needed to become a GrandPal. For additional information, call Patty DeRuosi at (609) 924-2263.

Community Trip Planned to Philadelphia Flower Show

The Princeton Recreation Department has scheduled a community trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Tuesday, March 7. The fee participate is \$40 which includes charter bus transportation and the entrance fee to the show.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department, located at 380 Witherspoon Street or the Princeton Senior Resource Center at 45 Stockton Street. For additional information, call (609) 921-9480.

PSRC Hosts Ballroom Dancing Workshop

The Princeton Senior Resource Center will host a ballroom dance workshop this Saturday, February 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center located at 45 Stockton Street.

Professional dancers, Ellen and Allen Tattenbaum give instructions on the fox trot and swing dancing. Special requests will be taken and practice time will be included. Partners are not required and all levels of experience are welcome. The cost to participate is \$5 and registration is required by calling (609) 924-7108.

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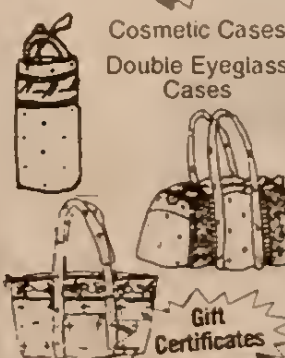
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22 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton Health-Care System has reported 23 births to area residents during the three-week period ending February 6.

Twin baby girls were born to Dorothy and Patrick Holmes, Princeton, January 19.

Daughters were also born to Andrea and William Bruce, Lawrenceville, January 17; Caroline and Stephen Elias, Princeton Junction, January 18; Claudia Ovalle and Bryan Devlin, Princeton, January 18; Christine and Ramon Rivera, Princeton, January 18; Svetlana and Vadim Kogan, West Windsor, January 20; Maria Cristina and Victor Ordonez, Lawrenceville, January 20; Gemma Truscillo and Steven Ammiott, Lawrenceville, January 22; Michelle and Robert Caruso, West Windsor, January 23; Amy and Christopher Doelling, Princeton, January 26; Onilde Judith Salazar-Donis and Carlos Antonio Pineda, Lawrenceville, January 27; and Ze-Fon Lisa and Eric Yuehan Potter, Princeton Junction, January 28.

Sons were born to Jane Murphy and Safwan Almomani, Princeton, January 15; Anna Ginovker and Oleg Bleyman, Princeton, January 17; Nancy and Jeff Pawar, Lawrenceville, January 19; Sheila Geoghegan and Franklin McLaughlin, Princeton, January 20; Veronique Sigu and Joseph DeVico, Princeton, January 21; Anja Zimmerman and Ralph Neuneler, Princeton, January 25; Yoko and Yasuhiro Wakabayashi, Princeton Junction, January 26; Latangela Seals, Princeton, January 29; and Lenore Salgado-Narvaez and Jorge Narvaez, Princeton, January 31.

Hospice Volunteers Sought For Eight-Week Course

Princeton HealthCare System Hospice Program is offering an eight-week volunteer training course in Princeton starting in March. The Hospice Program is seeking compassionate and caring people to visit hospice patients who have chosen to die at home with peace and dignity and are being cared for by their families and the Hospice Program team.

The training course is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 13th, 2006 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Subsequent training sessions will be held on March 20th and 27th, April 17th, 24th and May 1st, 8th and 15th. Sessions will be held at Princeton Hospice at 208 Bunn Drive in the Lower Conference Room.

The Hospice Program serves patients in Mercer and parts of Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. Volunteers can choose the geographic areas where they prefer to visit patients.

To learn more about supporting hospice patients, their families and to register for the eight-week training course, please Helaine Isaacs at (609) 497-4959.

Pre-registration, application and interview are required.

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— Stephen Griffies, Maple Street



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— Lorraine Skidmore (with Molly) Snowden Lane



"I think it's illegal the way it is being done now. If there is to be wire tapping, it should be done in a lawful manner, by going through the courts. Doing it indiscriminately on anyone they feel like, I feel, is absolutely wrong."

— Gunter Krauthamer, Longview Drive



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Another Sidewalk Plan Encounters Resistance

As Princeton Township Committee heard resident opposition to a plan to install a sidewalk on Overbrook Drive Monday night, it recalled past opposition to other sidewalk proposals, and could very likely have the same outcome.

In the past, as was the case with a section of Snowden Lane in 2004, opposition was met with compromise, albeit reluctant. In the Snowden case, one blacktop pathway on the western side of the road proved to be the middle ground between residents who said there was not enough pedestrian activity to merit a sidewalk, and the Township, whose aim is to align sidewalks, when possible, with road reconstruction, as is the aim with Overbrook.

But when Township Committee could not reach a consensus on how to proceed with the plan after a work session, it appeared that this could be a case where there is not enough activity to warrant a sidewalk.

That said, Overbrook Drive is in close proximity to Magnolia Lane, which contains an entrance to the Littlebrook Elementary School, and could be included in a pedestrian circuit in conjunction with Barbara Smoyer Park.

The Township's Engineering Department presented a plan that would place a four-foot-wide walkway on both sides or one side of Overbrook between Snowden and Broadripple Drive.

The proposal comes as the Township seeks bids for significant roadwork on Overbrook that includes reconstruction and upgrading the draining systems.

A sidewalk is not outlined in the Princeton Community Master Plan for Overbrook Drive, Mr. Kiser said, but pointed to recommendations from the Sidewalk and Bike-way Advisory Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee.

Mr. Kiser's presentation also posed possible sidewalk installation scenarios that included placing concrete paths on either one or both sides of Overbrook, as opposed to the less expensive alternative of putting blacktop paths down. Both he and Greg O'Neil, Township arborist, seemed to favor placing a sidewalk only on the southern side of the road, as that would limit tree and utility pole removal.

The Township assesses property owners 50 percent of the cost of installation based on the number of feet fronting each property. The most expensive scenario, concrete sidewalks on either side of the road, would cost residents anywhere from \$1,470 to \$5,509, with the least expensive, blacktop on the southern side of the road, \$527. The latter amount factors in a cooperative scenario where even Overbrook residents

whose properties were not impacted by a sidewalk would split the cost. There are 16 homes along that stretch of Overbrook.

Sgt. Thomas Murray of the Township Police said that while speeding and traffic were not immediate concerns, sidewalks should be installed, largely due to the proximity to Littlebrook.

But Stephen Teiser, a resident of Overbrook, said a "strong, united opposition" to the walkway plan should be taken into account by Committee before moving forward with the road's reconstruction project. He submitted a letter from 15 out of the 16 households indicating that opposition.

Mr. Teiser's neighbor, Andrew Lazarus, said the cost of the project was not worth trouble it has caused: "It's an unproductive use of a lot of money to placate the needs of the few."

But Josh Leinsdorf, a member of the Princeton Regional Board of Education, said that sidewalks should be built "whenever possible," adding that Overbrook Drive is within the distance of the schools where the School Board does not need to supply a bus, and urged that concrete sidewalks be installed on either side of the road.

Township Committee largely remained non-committal, with the overall sentiment indicating that a decision was not imminent.

"My mind is not made up either way," said Committee-man Lance Liverman, who said that while he has not noticed an abundance of traffic on Overbrook, sidewalks that have been built on surrounding streets have proven "successful."

Committee scheduled another work session to revisit the issue for March 13.

In other news, Committee introduced an ordinance that would allow the municipality to increase the maximum fine in the municipal court to \$2,000, up from \$1,250. The change is in line with a state statute that permits the increase.

Edwin Schmierer, the Township's attorney, said the amendment includes a provision that indicates if there is a prosecution in municipal court for housing code or zoning violations, the judge can exact a fine up to \$2,000, but there is now a 30-day window when the violator can "cure" the violation. "I think this will help with our housing code enforcement," Mr. Schmierer said.

A public hearing for the fines ordinance will be held February 27.

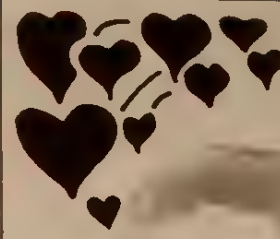
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Merwick

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The Y has signalled that it might be willing to undergo some sort of land-swap with the University to facilitate any new development or site alignment. PHCS representatives have suggested that the front area of the Merwick property along Bayard Lane might be a better, and larger, site for the Y playing fields currently located along Paul Robeson, across from Chambers Street.

Mr. Reed, a member of the Planning Board who also chairs the Board's Mas-

ter Plan Subcommittee, said that "a serious effort needs to be made" when it comes to improving circulation in that area, pointing to an idea that has been brewing for about year that outlines a new street, ostensibly an extension of Chambers, that would run through the current Y playing fields as far down as Birch Avenue. However, Mr. Reed added, a new street ending at the Stanworth Apartments was the more probable scenario.

"There are several things you can anticipate, maybe not immediately, but over time," he said.

New homes would be built along the so-called "Chambers Street Extension" that would resemble the diverse housing style of John Street.

The tract of land that comprises the Y, Merwick, and Stanworth, is substantial, and with any new development, could directly impact traffic, both in-town and in surrounding neighborhoods, including John-Witherspoon and the Borough's western section.

Currently, Merwick opens up on Bayard Lane with little fanfare, with the original Merwick mansion directly to the north, and the Y facilities immediately to the south. However, upon entering the site, the

space yields itself not only to the Merwick building, but to two parking areas, one paved and one gravel in the rear, easternmost portion of the site; the Merwick Gardens; and the aforementioned woods, which are sprinkled with landscaping equipment, dumpsters, and other debris.

The Merwick Gardens, a relatively small area, features a fountain, stone benches surrounding a courtyard, and a gazebo. In the spring and summer months, the area is fully landscaped.

During its discussions the Planning Board made it clear that whatever the University ends up doing with the site, the mansion should be preserved as a focal point in any new development. Also discussed was the possibility of removing more recent additions including the nursing home wings that face Bayard Lane.

John Matthews, a resident of Poor Farm Road in the Township who spoke at the Planning Board hearing, recalled growing up in the Merwick mansion when it was still a private residence and outlined some of the building's details: a small chapel or "oratory" built by Mr. Matthews's grandfather, a bishop; and a small third-floor theater space. In fact, in the library area on Merwick's first floor, there is a plaque commemorating Elsie Procter Matthews, Mr. Matthews's grandmother, "who lived and died in this house."

Mr. Matthews also mentioned the history of the neighborhood, pointing out

that the mansion effectively served as the dividing line between historically poor and wealthy neighborhoods:

"It seems to me now, that we really have an opportunity to have some kind of merging action," he said.

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Shade Tree Group Endorses 206 Plan, And Skirmishes With Shopping Center

The Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission last Wednesday spoke favorably of the proposal currently on the table by state-financed planning groups to improve traffic conditions on Route 206, saying the only concern is that drastic landscaping not interfere with the corridor's tree canopy.

The stretch of Route 206 at issue, from Cherry Valley Road to Nassau Street, is currently the subject of an ongoing study by the planning and consulting firms Glatting Jackson, and Urban Engineers, after an \$100,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant was sought by a group of residents under the umbrella "Citizens for a Safer Route 206."

The several proposed solutions for calming and slowing down traffic on the busy corridor include a series of roundabouts at intersections that include Jefferson Road, Ewing Street, and Nassau Street at Borough Hall; encouraging municipal policies to build using methods that create the appearance of a slower roadway; and landscaping techniques that could involve planting trees closer to the road.

Lily Krauss, chairperson of the Commission, said she liked the proposal, but hoped that "truckers don't plow through the roundabouts," but she added: "I personally like the plan."

The Commission expressed their support of the 206 concept in a letter drafted to the Township's Engineering Department.

Commissioners agreed that a roundabout study was most urgent at the Route 206-Ewing Street intersection, tree ordinance that protects where traffic accidents have increased over the years. "I don't think

see this as our number one priority," Ms. Krauss said.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser, who made a brief presentation to the Commission, suggested that installing a roundabout at the current traffic signal/jughandle situation at the Mountain Avenue-Route 206 intersection could give some property back to the Community Park playing fields, and could allow for more tree plantings.

"It's a very special section of 206 with a unique tree canopy," he said.

In other business, an attorney representing George Comfort & Sons, the firm that manages the Princeton Shopping Center, objected to the Shade Tree Commission's involvement in a recently-approved application that allows for internal aesthetic changes, including landscaping, and an overall face-lift to the aging exterior. The Commission has recommended that the Shopping Center not remove some mature trees in the main courtyard, several of which the Shopping Center plans to take down.

A meeting was held on site between Shopping Center representatives and members of the Shade Tree Commission where some suggestions were made "In an advisory capacity," said Greg O'Neill, the Township's arborist and open space manager.

"We're not looking to change the plan and we're not looking to disrupt the Shopping Center to move forward to the plan," he said.

Thomas Letizia, attorney for the Shopping Center, questioned whether the Commission had jurisdiction over the Shopping Center, even with the Township's shade tree ordinance that protects where traffic accidents have increased over the years. "I don't think

you have the authority in this context," Mr. Letizia said, adding that he was "concerned" that recommendations were being made even after the Regional Planning Board approved the Shopping Center's plans in December.

The item was subsequently removed from the Commission's agenda.

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2. **THE EYES OF THE OTHER:** To drive my point home, when a person feels insecure, I often ask them why their spouse loves them. Could it be your spouse is just stupid and cannot see what a loser you are? Or, could they see what a nice person is hiding underneath that rough exterior? My facetious comment makes a person see their own value reflected back to them in the eyes of their lover.
3. **A COVENANT:** Love in marriage is not a boring, stagnant, legal contract carved in stone that locks you into a relationship, but rather a living breathing commitment to ongoing growth with one another. Your vow is like a protective bubble, keeping interference out and intensity in.
4. **BRAVE:** Love means having the courage to ask the other person to grow. Perhaps that means learning to argue with sensitivity vs. aggression or to be humble yourself vs. wear a mask of superiority.
5. **PATIENT:** As long as a person is genuinely receptive to your sensitive call for them to grow, the speed of that growth is less important. They may be weak where you are strong, and so have to grow according to their time clock, not yours. Remember, your spouse will have to be patient with you too!
6. **KIND:** Growth requires sandpaper and blankets. Sandpaper for the growing edge, but blankets for kindness. If you come across as arrogant and demanding, trying to control and manipulate, all you will get is defensiveness, procrastination, and broken promises. Your spouse does not want a teacher, just a lover.
7. **FORGIVING:** In this journey prompted by love, all of us make mistakes, say insensitive, sarcastic, and cruel things to win arguments or in retaliation for feeling hurt. What should you do? Punish the other, extracting your pound of flesh? No. The punishment for being selfish is to be selfish. Instead, if the person is truly sorry, give them another chance as forgiveness is based more on the fact that your spouse can really change and less on that you are a nice person.
8. **DON'T BE ENVIOUS:** If your spouse showers your children, family and friends with love, that is not taking anything away from you. Love is not a quantity, so that you are getting less of the pie. It is a quality. The more your spouse exercises his or her love for others, the better able they become to love you.

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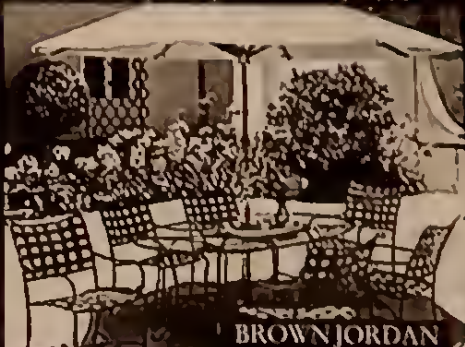
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Winberie's, the popular restaurant at One Palmer Square, was still closed as of Tuesday after having been damaged during an early morning blaze that appears to have been set off by either a kitchen grease fire, or an unattended broiler, according to Princeton Borough police. On February 4, at 3:43 a.m., Borough Police responded to an building alarm alert, dispatching patrol officers who discovered "heavy smoke on the basement level of One Palmer," said Lt. David Dudeck Tuesday. One Palmer also houses PNC Bank, J. Crew, and several offices. As the Princeton Fire Department investigated the area, officials spotted smoke and fire on the north wall, facing Banana Republic in the direction of Hulfish Street. A fire crew broke through that window to keep the fire under control, Lt. Dudeck said. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but "there was nothing suspicious," Lt. Dudeck said, adding that the restaurant will not be allowed to re-open until undergoing an inspection by the Princeton Health Department. A spokesperson from the restaurant's corporate parent, Select Restaurants, had no immediate comment.

Princeton University has received a record number of applications for admission, totaling 17,478 for the class of 2010, according to an announcement from the University's office of communications Monday. The number of students seeking admission represents a 6 percent increase over last year's record of 16,510 applicants. That pool of candidates for the class of 2009 was 21 percent larger than for the previous year. The total number of applications includes the 2,236 high school seniors who applied for the class of 2010 through a binding early decision process. The University announced last month that 599 of those students were offered admission and are expected to comprise 49 percent of the freshman class this fall. This is the second consecutive year the University has had a record number of applicants.

Hamilton Bank

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Township as early as Monday evening, according to several eyewitness reports. Police did not believe Mr. Mauro's robbery was associated with a second Commerce Bank robbery on Quakerbridge Road at 7:45 a.m. on Monday.

—Matthew Hersh

Valentine's Day Events Offered at Howell Farm

Howell Living History Farm is offering romantic rides on their circa 1900 sleigh or carriage this Saturday, February 11. There is no charge for the rides. Children are welcome to make a pierced paper valentine in the visitor center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$1 craft fee. Groups of 8 or more wanting to participate in the craft activity should register by calling (609) 737-3299. In the farmhouse kitchen, visitors can purchase hand dipped chocolate treats, cakes, cookies, or lunch. Howell Farm is located in Hopewell Township, on Valley Road, off Route 29, two miles south of Lambertville. Parking and admission are free. For additional information visit www.howellfarm.org.

Stony Brook Watershed Offers Nature Program

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is offering a family program called "Tracking the Winter Woods of Mount Rose Trails" on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will explore the fields and forests of the Mount Rose trails in search of animal tracks and learn about the track patterns of meadow vole, raccoon, red fox, and wild turkey. Registration is required, enrollment is limited, and the cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Participants should meet at the Mount Rose parking area. For registration, directions, or additional information, call the Buttinger Nature Center at (609) 737-7592.

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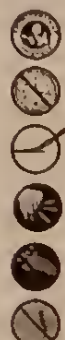
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A HEARTFELT EFFORT: Matt Weiss, left, a junior at Princeton University and vice president of the Rotaract Club of Princeton University receives a "Heart Pizza" from Iano Conigliaro, owner of Iano's Rosticceria on Nassau Street. Iano's will contribute five heart pizzas which will be auctioned by the Rotaract Club. The Rotaract Club is auctioning more than 30 items to Princeton University students. The proceeds will go to benefit the Valentine Food Drive supporting the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton. The auction will also feature items from Starbucks, Halo Pub, and Nassau Inn. The auction, which is currently underway, will extend through this Friday, February 10, at the Frist Campus Center on the University campus from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students and community members are welcome.

Audubon Society Hosts Songbird Migration Talk

On Monday, February 20, the Washington Crossing Audubon Society will host a presentation by Princeton University Professor Martin Wikelski entitled, "Songbird Migration: How to Track Individual Birds Between Continents."

Using radio telemetry scientists can follow the migration routes of individual songbirds and determine their energy expenditure or detect orientation capabilities. In the future, this technique will be used to follow individuals from space to finally determine how individual songbirds migrate from breeding to wintering grounds.

The lecture will take place in Stalton Hall on the campus of the Pennington School which is located at 112 West Delaware Avenue in Pennington. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m. For additional information call Herb Lord at (609) 443-3981.

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DOWN BUT NOT OUT — YET: This downed power cable on Hunter Road set off a small brush fire last week that was extinguished by crews from the Princeton Fire Department after power had been cut to the area.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

Fire Wire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 20 calls for the period between January 29 and February 4.

Crews from all three companies responded to activated alarms and smoke conditions on Andrews Lane, Shadybrook Lane, Riverside Drive, Nassau Street, Moore Street, Brookstone Drive, Southern Way, Vandeventer Avenue, and North Harrison Street.

On the 29th, crews responded to the intersection of Rt. 206 and Birch Avenue for wires down with fire extending to a nearby tree. The scene was secured, power shut off by PSE&G, and the area wet down. That evening, crews were called to Mercer Street near Library Place for power lines that were on fire. The scene was secured and flaming debris was wet down. On the 31st, there was another wire call for the intersection of Rt. 206 and Cherry Hill Rd. Damage was minimal.

At 1 p.m. the same day, crews responded to a structure fire on Stonewall Circle. On their way to the scene, fire command updated that there was an appliance fire in the kitchen of the Princeton Township residence. Crews contained the fire's extension to the kitchen cabinets with minimized electrical damage.

Additionally, the Fire Department responded to gas leaks at Princeton University and on Birch Avenue, Alexander Street, and Rosedale Road. On the evening of February 2nd, crews were called

to the intersection of Rosedale Road and Cleveland Lane by a passing motorist for a smell of gas. Crews checked the neighborhood and found the gas pouring from a manhole cover. PSE&G was notified and the scene secured.

On the 3rd, Princeton Borough called crews to Wescott Road and Hunter Road for a transformer fire spitting flames. A small brush fire was extinguished after power had been cut to the area.

At 3:30 a.m. on the 4th the officer on duty responded to an activated alarm in a business on the corner of Nassau Street and Palmer Square East and found a smoke condition. All three stations responded swiftly and crews found smoke throughout the office building with the heaviest concentration being on the second floor. Mutual Aid was dispatched for the Fire Departments of Plainsboro, Princeton Junction, Rocky Hill, and Lawrence. The fire was located behind kitchen equipment and had extended up inside the walls, pouring heavy smoke into the second floor offices. The wall was disassembled and the fire contained with minimal damage to the structure.

The Princeton Fire Department is the oldest continuously serving volunteer fire department in the country. Founded in 1788 it is made up of three fire companies: Princeton Hook & Ladder (Harrison Street), Mercer Engine Company #3 (Witherspoon Street), and Princeton Engine Company #1 (Chestnut Street). The department has approximately 50 active

members that respond to emergency calls each year. Last year the fire department responded to 1,000+ fire and other calls within the community.

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MAILBOX

Another High-Density Development? Objection Heard from Princeton Ridge

To the Editor:

Matthew Hersh's lead article on senior housing (Town Topics, February 1) was like déjà vu all over again. Imagine the following scenario: a developer planning a high-density project on land not zoned for the purpose, many adjacent homeowners and environmentalists objecting vehemently, and a heavily wooded site in the Princeton Ridge area. Sound familiar? That's because it's the third time it's happened. Not only are we embracing the K. Hovnanian one-size-fits-all mega buildings (Bunn Drive), and the Intell upside-down townhouses on what is essentially a wetland site (Mt. Lucas Road), but now Morgan Estates comes along to propose another 100 or so units for the age-restricted in the same area.

What happened to the thorough "search" the Township did to identify appropriate sites a few years ago? This site was not included. Why not consider building one of these things and seeing how popular and attractive they are before agreeing to build three? When this very issue came up in Township Committee and Planning Board meetings (prior to passing the infamous "overlay"), we were told the goal was to get "just one project in Princeton." Well, I have some advice for the folks at Governors Lane: start planting those buffer zone trees now, because the big boxes are coming and the real trees are coming down.

CHUCK DISANTO
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Consolidation of Police Departments Urged by Borough Council President

To the Editor:

My husband, Alan Karcher, served in the New Jersey Legislature for 17 years, and was for three years Assembly Speaker. Toward the end of his life, he wrote a book, *Multiple Municipal Madness*, in which he voiced his frustration with the astounding redundancy of services provided by our state's then 566 municipalities, and called for consolidation and regional approaches to problems. Now that I serve in elective office myself, from time to time I revisit his book, looking for guidelines for sensible governing practices.

I scoured its pages again this week, looking for some pithy anecdotes about police consolidation, and while I found very little that addressed police and public safety issues, I did find an exhortation to avoid governance by the "dead hands" of the past, or more eloquently put, to reject the oftentimes oppressive influence of the past on the present.

Now is the time for Princeton Borough and Township to put that advice into practice.

The time is ripe for the consolidation of our two police departments. The Township's is currently led by an acting chief, and the Borough's chief, Anthony Federico, is likely to retire in three years. Higher level administrative staff in both the Borough and the Township departments will soon retire. Taxpayer groups are clamoring for tax relief, and the Joint Health Commission is urging the creation of a Joint Office of Emergency Management.

Consolidation of our two police departments can begin to address all of these issues.

First is the question of savings. Joining the two departments will save each municipality more than \$500,000 per year. That saving could be used to create the Office of Emergency Management the Health Commission recommends.

Next is the question of delivery of services. A single department will provide enhanced delivery of services by eliminating redundancy and integrating training and management. Crime doesn't stop at the border to ask permission to enter the next town. Neither should our police. Law enforcement in our two communities should be as seamless and as streamlined as possible.

Then there is the issue of emergency preparedness. While I am confident that our police departments could handle any emergency that befalls us, I agree with the Health Commission that preparedness is an ongoing endeavor. If our two communities are going to be truly effective in dealing with a catastrophic emergency, we must establish and practice a single chain of command in advance of the emergency.

Our governments owe it to our constituents to deliver the highest quality public safety at the lowest possible cost. Now we have an opportunity to do just that. I invite Township Committee and the Township Police Department to join with us in moving toward the consolidation of our two forces and to reject the "dead hand" of past rule. We two Princetons have a long joint history of enlightened government. Let us live up to our reputation for excellence.

PEGGY KARCHER
Princeton Borough Council



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OYSTER HEAVEN: A contestant at Super Bowl Sunday's Oyster Bowl VII is being urged on by his "counter." The event was held at the Blue Point Grill to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's "Race for the Cure."

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

CLUBS

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host a dance and social on Friday, February 17 at the Yardley Country Club in Yardley, Pa., and again on Saturday, February 25 at the Best Western New Hope in New Hope, Pa., both at 8:30 p.m.

Reservations are not required.

Admission will be \$13. Jackets and ties are requested for men.

For more information, call (888) 348-5544 or visit www.PBSNinfo.com.

The **Jersey Jumpers** will host a Swing and Lindy Hop Dance on Friday, February 17 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Free beginner and intermediate swing lessons with instructor Mike Davis will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

All levels are welcome, and no partner is required.

Admission will be \$11 for adults, \$8 for students.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will hold its monthly Salsa Sensation dance on Saturday, February

18 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Paterson Center.

Instructor Henri Velandia will offer a beginner-intermediate salsa lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and present a salsa demonstration with Tamara Hayes at 9:45 p.m.

Admission will be \$11 for adults, \$8 for students.

For more information, visit www.centraljerseydance.org, or call (609) 945-1883.

The **Garden Gate Garden Club of Lawrenceville** will meet on February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, 1039 Lawrence Road. The guest speaker, Hollace Hoffman, will present an illustrated slide program entitled "The Grand Garden Tour — Searching for the Perfect Border." The presentation includes public gardens from Quebec City to Vancouver, demonstrating diversity of plants, color combinations, and use of layering.

A native of Massachusetts, Ms. Hoffman currently resides in Plainfield. She has been involved with New Jersey park and recreation departments and is currently director of operation archaeology with the division of cultural and heritage affairs.

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow the program.

For more information, call Judy Ryba at (609) 581-8818.

The **Soroptimist International of Princeton** will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street. The speaker will be Carol L. Olivieri, Director of the Health Care Ministry of St. Paul's Inc. The topic will be "The Challenges of Caring." A business meeting will follow.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 8

4:30 p.m.: Readings by Gary Shteyngart and Quincy Troupe; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7 p.m.: Screening and panel discussion of *Veronica Guerin*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: *A Moon for the Misbegotten*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center.

Thursday, February 9

7 p.m.: Screening and

panel discussion of *WMD: Weapons of Mass Deception*; Princeton Public Library.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: African-American Literature Discussion Group; YWCA Princeton.

8 p.m.: *Waiting for Godot*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Friday through Sunday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Rose's Dilemma*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Joseph Anthony with Tom Daddario; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Friday, February 10

5 to 9 p.m.: Trenton 2Nite; South Warren and Lafayette Streets, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Jazz pianist McCoy Tyner; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.: Arts Council of Princeton's Annual Valentine Workshop; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center. Registration required.

2 and 4 p.m.: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

3 p.m.: *Dora the Explorer*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton. Also Sunday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m.

6 p.m.: Celtic fiddle and songs performed by Jennifer Johnson; Silva Gallery of Art, Pennington School, Pennington. Free.

7 p.m.: Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance; YWCA Princeton.

8 p.m.: Wesleyan Gamelan Ensemble performance of *Arjunowihango*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Jubilee Singers; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, February 12

11 a.m.: Alex & The Kaleidoscope Band; Blue Tulip, Nassau Park Boulevard. Free.

3 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Faculty Recital Series with organist Diane Meredith Belcher; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

5 p.m.: *The Magic of Madrigals and Motets*; Dorothaea's House, 120 John Street.

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 p.m.: *A Moon for the Misbegotten*; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

9 p.m.: Banjo player Uncle Woody Sullender and Andy Hayleck-Bonnie Jones Duo; Terrace Club, 62 Washington Road. Free.

Wednesday, February 15

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

8 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center.

8 p.m.: *Boccatongo* with Julio Bocca and Cecilia Figaredo; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

12:15 p.m.: Westminster at Nassau Recital with keyboardist Gavin Black; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *Urinetown*; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Waiting for Godot*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Mrs. Warren's Profession*; Don Evans Black Box Theater, Kendall Hall, The College of New Jersey. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Donces from the Garden*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Bill Martin with Dan Davidson; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Friday, February 17

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Dermot Quinn on *Priests, Parades and Patriots: The Irish in 19th Century New Jersey*; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7:30 p.m.: Ladysmith Black Mambazo; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Pianist John Hicks; James A. Michener Art Museum, New Hope, Pa.

8 p.m.: *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live; Movement Workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 p.m.: *Rose's Dilemma*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Folk singer-songwriter Tommy Sands; Christ Congregation Church.

Saturday, February 18

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Sharpening the Quill Workshop on fiction writing with author Lauren B. Davis; YWCA Princeton's Bramwell House. To register, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 317.

2 and 4 p.m.: *Junie B. Jones*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory piano and flute recital; Gill Chapel, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Free.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb 8 – Wednesday, Feb 15

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Wednesday, Feb 8:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.

Thursday, Feb 9:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.
12:30 p.m. My Medicare Matters; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Internet & E-mail; SPB.

Friday, Feb 10:

9:00 a.m. Tax Help; SPB.
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Meeting; SPB.

Monday, Feb 13:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12 noon Pilates; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Tax Help; SPB.
12:30 p.m. American Literature for non-Native English Speakers; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, Feb 14:

10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, Feb 15:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:00 p.m. Cardio Screening; Elm Court.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.



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BOOKS



René Steinke

Library Presents Program With Book Award Finalists

Princeton Public Library will host three writers whose works were nominated for National Book Awards and a former winner of the poetry award at a special event on Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor Community Room.

"An Evening with the National Book Awards: Readings and Conversations" will feature fiction finalists Joan Silber, Christopher Sorrentino and René Steinke, as well as Jean Valentine, who won the award for poetry in 2004.

After brief readings from their works, the authors will discuss the personal and professional impact of being nominated for the awards. The program will be moderated by Harold Augenbraum, executive director of the National Book Awards Foundation. The discussion will be followed by an audience question-and-answer session.

Ms. Silber is the author of five books of fiction, most recently *Ideas of Heaven: A Ring of Stories*, selected as a finalist for the 2004 National Book Award. Winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award for her first novel, *Household Words*, she has appeared in *O. Henry Prize Stories* and *The Story Behind the Story: 26 Stories by Contemporary Writers and How They Work*.



Joan Silber

Mr. Sorrentino was a finalist for the 2005 National Book Award for his novel *Trance*, which imagined the 1974 kidnapping of media heiress Patty Hearst through the eyes of the perpetrators, other victims, and law enforcement agents.

Ms. Steinke's novel *Holy Skirts*, a fictional account of the turbulent life of turn-of-the-century Baroness Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven, was a 2005 fiction finalist. The author is also editor-in-chief of *The Literary Review* and teaches creative writing at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Door in the Mountain: New and Collected Poems 1965-2003, Ms. Valentine's collection, won the 2004 National Book Award for Poetry. The author of 10 books of verse, she teaches at Sarah Lawrence College.



Christopher Sorrentino

Copies of each of the writers' books will be available for purchase and signing at the event, which is free and open to the public. For more information about this event, contact Readers Services Coordinator Susan Roth at (609) 924-9529, ext. 257.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. The library is at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough.

Troupe and Shteyngart To Read at 185 Nassau

Fiction writer Gary Shteyngart and poet Quincy Troupe will be reading tonight, Wednesday, February 8, as part of the Princeton University Program in Creative Writing's Althea Ward Clark '21 Reading Series.

The readings will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Stewart Film Theater at 185 Nassau Street.

Mr. Shteyngart will be introduced by Fiction Writer Chang-rae Lee. Mr. Troupe will be introduced by Poet C.K. Williams.

The event is free and open to the public.

Prize-Winning Poet Simic To Read at Lawrenceville

Pulitzer-prize-winning poet Charles Simic will read from his work and answer questions from the audience at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14 in the McGraw Reading Room at Lawrenceville School's Bunn Library.

A native of Yugoslavia, Mr. Simic came to the United States in 1953. He graduated from New York University in 1966 and a year later his first collection of poetry, *What The Grass Says*, was published. His book *Classic Ballroom Dances* won the Harriet Monroe Award, and *The World Doesn't End: Prose Poems* was the Pulitzer Prize winner. His most recent publications have been *Night Picnic* and his memoir, *A Fly in the Soup*.

The recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, Mr. Simic teaches in the English Department at the University of New Hampshire.

The reading is free and open to the public.

Dermot Quinn Discusses Priests, Parades, Patriots

Dermot Quinn of Seton Hall University will give a talk entitled "Priests, Parades & Patriots: The Irish in Nineteenth Century New Jersey" at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17, at the Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

Published by Rutgers University Press, Mr. Quinn's book *The Irish of New Jersey* was the winner of the 2005 New Jersey Author Award for Scholarly Non-Fiction Award.

The reading is free and open to the public.

Library Presents Program On Rise of Religious Right

Princeton Theological Seminary Professor Mark Taylor will read from and discuss his book *Religion, Politics, and the Christian Right: Post-9/11 Powers and American Empire*, at the Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Taylor's book chronicles the rise of the religious right and places the growing influence of fundamentalist Christians in politics in historical and theological contexts. The author offers a new idea of what it means to be American and Christian after September 11 and challenges his readers to resist the "War on Terror."

The Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Theology and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, Taylor is also the author of *Remembering Esperanza: A Cultural-Political Theology for North American Provis and The Executed God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America*.

An audience question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Copies of *Religion, Politics, and the Christian Right* will be available for purchase and signing.

The event, which will be held in the first floor Community Room, is part of the library's Caroline D'Jewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series, which has presented many distinguished writers to library audiences for more than 25 years. Joyce Carol Oates, Ellen Curry, Thulani Davis, Thomas Kenneally, Paul Krugman, John McPhee, Richard Ford, Kenzaburo Oe, Alicia Ostriker, Richard Preston, and Wendy Wasserstein are among the many authors who have read from their works, shared their thoughts on writing and answered questions from our audiences in this series.

The next "Writers Talking" program will be Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m., when Stephanie Elizondo Griest discusses her experiences in the Communist world as detailed in her critically acclaimed memoir, *Around the Bloc*.

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ART

Michener Exhibit Features Works by Ansel Adams

A major exhibition of works by world-famous photographer Ansel Adams will open at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown February 18. The Michener is the only venue in the mid-Atlantic states to host "Ansel Adams: Celebration of Genius," which will run through May 14.

Inspired by the 100th anniversary of Adams's birth in 2002, George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film revisited its extensive collection of Adams's work, creating a new exhibition of 150 photographs encompassing the photographer's full career. While many come to know his work through widely published books, postcards,

posters and calendars, relatively few have actually seen the original images of his landscapes and intimate still lifes of nature.

The exhibit presents work ranges from the 1920s through the 1960s, including an early 1927 portfolio (one of only fifty produced) of Parmelian prints (gelatin silver emulsion on parchment paper) George Eastman House is presenting for the first time in this exhibition.

Featured are many of Adams's most famous images of the American West, such as *Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico* (1941); *Mount Williamson from Manzanar, California* (ca. 1944); and *Monolith, the Face of Half Dome* (1927). Viewers will find that Adams did not confine him-

self to landscapes, but also made portraits and other subjects as humble as fence posts into images nearly as monumental as his mountain

The photographer's life story is as varied as his work. His role as an artist, ardent conservationist, writer and educator is rooted in Yosemite. This is where he came to create, seek solace in difficult times, and where he met his wife, Virginia Best, along with other artists, mountaineers and Sierra Club activists.

From 1930 until the early 1970s, like many of his contemporaries, he accepted commercial assignments to support his family. These ranged from department store catalogs, car advertisements, and marketing brochures to giant Coloramas for Eastman Kodak Company, murals for the Department of the Interior, work for Life and Fortune magazines, and testing film for the Polaroid Corporation.

A prolific writer, Adams published thirty-seven books and hundreds of articles about photography. He was an ardent environmental conservationist. He served on the Sierra Club board of directors for thirty-seven years and was active in the Wilderness Society. His photographs were used in support of many environmental issues. Adams personally lobbied several presidents and Congress on behalf of wilderness preservation. Besides having a wilderness area and a mountain named



"CANYON DE CHELLY, ARIZONA, 1942": This gelatin silver print on paper by Ansel Adams from the George Eastman House Collection will be among the works on exhibit in "Ansel Adams: Celebration of Genius," which will open at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown on February 18 and run through May 14.

after him, he is the only photographer to be given the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, which he received in 1980. He died in Carmel, California, on April 22, 1984.

In connection with the exhibition, the museum will present a number of programs including a special lecture "Ansel Adams: An Adventure for the Eye and Mind," on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m., presented by Anthony Bannon, director of the George Eastman House. Beginning Tuesday, March 7, a lecture series will be held on three consecutive Tuesday afternoons, from 1 to 2 p.m. The first in the series will be the curator's exhibition lecture, "Ansel Adams: A Biographical Sketch," presented by Jeanne Verhulst, associate curator of exhibitions at George Eastman House. On March 14, Brian Peterson, senior curator at the Michener, will lead an in-depth lecture and a tour of the exhibition. "The View Camera," the final lecture and demonstration, will be presented on Tuesday, March 21 by Bruce Katsiff, director and chief executive officer at the Michener. Additional programs will be organized by the Bucks County Free Library.

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There is a special exhibition fee of \$4 in addition to the regular museum admission for this exhibition.

The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, and at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. Doylestown gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Galleries are closed Monday.

Admission for members and children under six free; general admission \$6.50, student (with current ID) \$4, senior citizens age 60 and older \$6. Group tours: call (215) 340-9800 ext.140.

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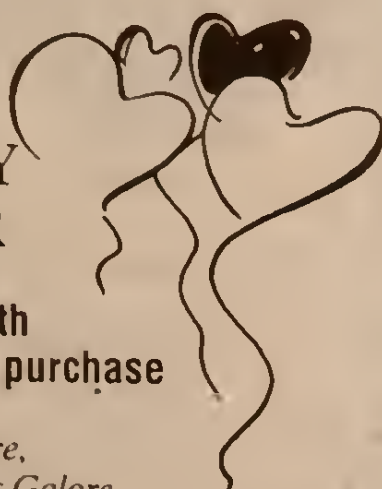


"CHURCH BELL": Sally Davidson's photograph is part of her exhibit, "Up Close and Personal," which opens along with John B. Blackford's "What the River Saw" at Gallery 14 in Hopewell on Friday, February 10, and will run through March 12.

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"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"

Hopewell on Friday, February 10 with a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will continue through March 12. The photographers will be available to discuss their work on Sunday, February 12, between 1 and 3 p.m.

Ms. Davidson is a practicing and teaching photographer who has exhibited widely in both solo and group shows in the area. She has taught at Mercer County Community College and the Grounds for Sculpture, and has exhibited in juried shows at the Perkins Art Center, Phillips Mill, Mercer County, and the Grounds for Sculpture. Her work has been widely recognized including the Nikon International Award, the Delaware and Raritan Greenway show, and a purchase award at the Mercer County Photographic Exhibit. She will be exhibiting as a guest of Gallery 14.

Titled "Up Close and Personal," Ms. Davidson's exhibit features images that emerged from objects in the "real" world. For the past few years, she has used various objects as subjects to discover the effects of magnification and fragmentation; the everyday is no longer seen in "perfect reflection." Instead, viewers enter a world of abstraction that makes them explorers in a transformed landscape. The group of works on exhibit

combine one ongoing series, the "Trees", one completed series, "The Gates" (photographs of the installation in Central Park, NYC during February of 2005), and one new group of images that were made during a trip to Greece this fall. All images were produced using both film and digital cameras; wide angle, telephoto and macro lenses, and were printed using contemporary techniques.

A member of Gallery 14, John B. Blackford has been photographing the Delaware River day and night. In every kind of weather, and the results will be on view in his exhibit, "What the River Saw." Mr. Blackford saw permanent shorelines transformed overnight by floods, and he was haunted by the strange shapes of man-made objects twisted by rushing water. He noticed that, from river level, evidence of civilization is often limited to shredded rags in branches, half-buried tires, and the odd shopping cart, pressed into

service by fishermen to support a makeshift dock. The deceptively slow pace of the river intrigued him, so he shot evidence of floods past, including balls of leaves and twigs still caught up to 25 feet above water level. Other examples of his work can be viewed on the Gallery 14 website, www.photosgalleryhopewell.com. He can be contacted at John@jbblackford.com. For additional information see the Gallery 14 website, www.photosgallery14.com, or leave a message at the Gallery (609) 333-8511. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. The Gallery is located at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell.



"WHAT THE RIVER SAW": This "Delaware Triptych" is one of the works by John B. Blackford that will be on view at Hopewell's Gallery 14 from Friday, February 10 through March 12. On view at the same time will be photography by Sally Davidson. Both artists will be at a reception for the public on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.



"BULLS EYE": This earthenware work is from the exhibition "Mahgvi Subrahmanian: Pods and Seeds" at Princeton Day School's Anne Reid Art Gallery. This exhibition, contrary to the press release, will not run through March but will be closed February 17. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Arts Council Presenting 21st Valentine Workshop

The Arts Council of Princeton will be holding its 21st annual Valentine Workshop on Saturday, February 11 at the Arts Council's new **TEMPORARY** location. Award-winning children's book artist, author, illustrator, and publisher, Dar Hosta, will be present guiding participants in different creative techniques. Adults and children alike can show their sweethearts how much they care with unique and one-of-a-kind handmade Valentines.

The workshop consists of two separate sessions to choose from: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. At each session, participants are encouraged to create as many valentines as they can to pass out to friends and loved ones. Construction paper, candy hearts, stickers, pom-poms, glitter, jewels, lace, feathers, stamps, ribbon, crepe paper, and more will be on hand to prompt the creation of romantic works of art. Examples of fanciful Valentines will be on display for inspiration.

This annual workshop is dedicated to the memory of artist and friend of the Arts Council, Betty Ruth Curtiss.

Dar Hosta received the Teachers' Choice Award for Family in 2004 for her book *I Love the Night* and was nominated for Borders Original Voices Award. In 2005 she received the Teachers' Choice Award for Children's Books for her second book *I Love the Alphabet*. She is the independent owner of Brown Dog Books and currently a faculty member at the Arts Council of Princeton. She is also a contributing columnist



"RECOLLECTING THE DAY": This work by Princeton resident Priscella Snow Algava can be seen in "Layers of Recall," an exhibit at the Silva Gallery of Art featuring the work of Ms. Algava and Peggy Uzmack. There will be an opening reception on February 11 between 6 and 8 p.m. with live Celtic fiddling and singing by Jennifer Johnson. The exhibit will run through March 9. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 12 noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday; and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday. The Silva Gallery is at Pennington school, 112 W. Delaware Avenue in Pennington.

for the New Jersey chapter of the SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators) member newsletter, and the Editor for the Bologna Children's Book Fair Newsletter, "BCBF Newline." She presents to schools and exhibits at galleries and juried art shows throughout the tri-state area.

The cost for the workshop is \$6 per child and \$3 per adult; members receive a dollar off for each participant. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult.

The Arts Council of Princeton is located in the Princeton Shopping Center next to Eckerd. Participants will enjoy

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Princeton Care Center Showcasing Watercolors

Princeton Care Center's exhibit, "Life is Still in Watercolors," will be on view at 728 Bunn Drive from Thursday, February 9 through Sunday, April 1. The public is invited to attend the opening, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The exhibit features watercolors by Elizabeth Kaminsky, Karen Reeds, Pablo Riestra,

Chris Romans, Mina Sakai, Jean-Francois Seurin, and Tina Wolf. The work by these emerging artists was selected by award-winning artist Terri McNichol, whose own work was recently highlighted in the New York Times review of an exhibit held at the Noyes Museum in Oceanville. Like that exhibit, which brought together paintings by Mel Lepizig and Loos Dodd and a group of their students at Mercer County Community College, this one will feature the work of painters who have studied with Ms. McNichol at MCCC.

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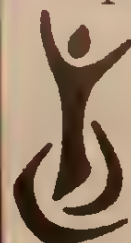
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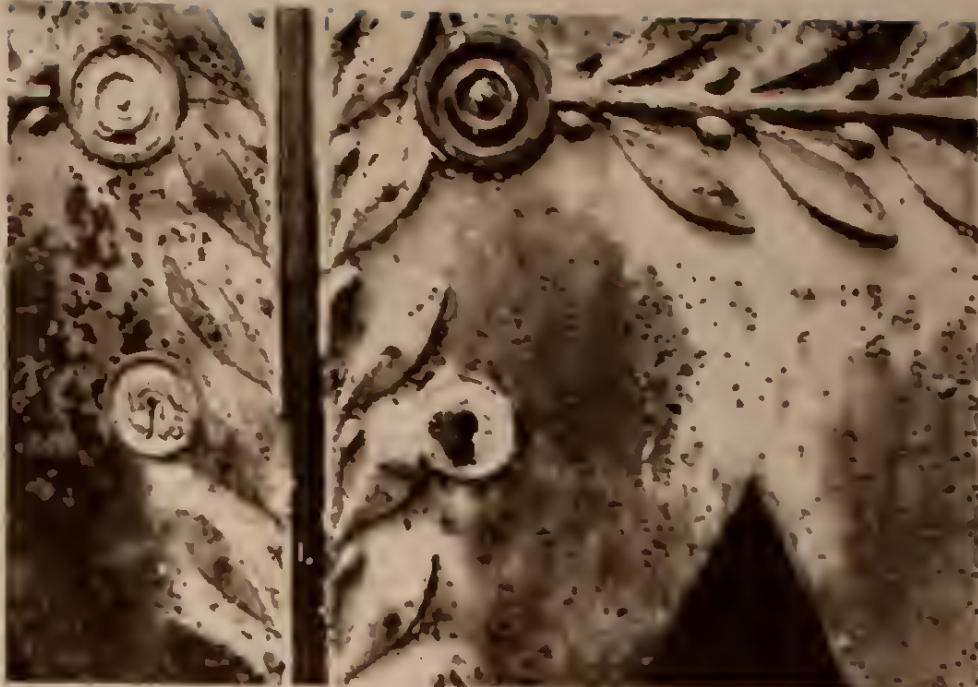
The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPO-RARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting its second exhibition, "Telling Our Stories," which features the creations of storyteller/artist Rebecca Kelly, sculptor Yvonne Love, and book artist Miriam Schaer. "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss., is on display in the Reading Room. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

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The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicentenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and His Illustrators," on view through March 26, 2006. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

The Erdman Art Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting "Urban Abstractions," an exhibit by Zenna Broomer that will run through February 10. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Gallery 31 North is presenting "Zenna Broomer - A Retrospective 1965 - 2005."



"PÈRE LACHAISE CEMETERY NO. 3": Titusville resident and Pennington School art teacher Peggy Uzmack's photo of the famous Paris cemetery is among the works in "Layers of Recall," an exhibit at the Silva Gallery of Art she is sharing with Peggy Uzmack. The exhibit will run from February 11 to March 9, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on February 11. The Silva Gallery is at Pennington School, 112 W. Delaware Avenue in Pennington. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 12 noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday; and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

The show, which includes paintings, prints, and drawings selected from 40 years of work, will run through February 18, 2006.

The Gallery is located on the ground floor of the Historic Hunt House on the corner of Rt. 31 and Hunt Place, Glen Gardner, approximately 4 miles North of Clinton.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Delties," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

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The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery at 24 Broad Street in Hopewell is presenting "Points of View," an exhibit of works by watercolorist and local art teacher Gail Bracegirdle that will run from now through February.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is featuring "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography," which will be on view through May 28. "New Orleans: A Beloved City," an exhibition of photographs taken in the mid-1980s by Michael A. Smith, is on view in the Betz Gallery through February 19. As part of its ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program, the Michener is also exhibiting "In the Beginning," an installation of sculpture by Kevin Forest that will be on view through February 26. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

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The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton is currently hosting the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fifty + Years, through 2003 and 2004 Fellowship Exhibition in the museum's Galleries at 225 West State Street. The show will be on view through March 18, 2006.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman through February 26. "Be- showe will be on view from now through February 17. Recent Acquisitions In African-American Art" will be on view through February 26.

The Princeton Day School's Anne Reid Art Gallery is presenting the ceramic artistry of potter Madhvi Subramanian through February 17, not throughout the months of February and March as listed in last week's 45 Stockton Street, behind guide. PDS is also featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

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RUM 'N ONIONS: "There's a different kind of energy that is involved in playing for dancers," says fiddler and Princeton resident Susie Lorand. "The musicians and dancers respond to each other." The pick-up band of the Princeton Country Dancers performs once a month for dances at the Suzanne Patterson Center. This Saturday, members of the band will join with other local musicians to form Rum & Onions, a group of some 30 members, now in its 26th year, for a contra dance at the Suzanne Patterson Center.

(Photo by Larry Koplik)

MUSIC AND THEATER

Princeton Musicians and Dancers Raise the Roof at Patterson Center

Contra dancing involves some nifty moves. One, evocatively titled "gypsy," involves gazing into one's partner's eyes as you circle one another. It is one of the more "flirtatious" moves. Such intimacy can be somewhat disconcerting when dancing with a complete stranger but in contra dancing the ice is very soon broken; almost as swiftly, in fact, as one changes partners.

Contra dances are lively events with, in Princeton at least, lots of foot stomping and, at times, some hootin' and a hollerin' too. The emphasis is on the dancing and it is not unusual to find a new partner after each set.

"This is a style of dance that goes back a long way; a New England tradition that was extremely popular in the 1800s and is undergoing a resurgence," notes Sue Dupré, a founding member of the Princeton Country Dancers (PCD) and long-time contra dance caller. "There has

been an explosion in contra dance choreography in recent years," says Ms. Dupré. "By 1850 contra dances were confined to New England. This was true until the 1960s when a group of new young callers emerged. Now you can find contra dances in any big city across the country." A contra dance historian who collects dance cards from the 19th and early 20th centuries, Ms. Dupré has traced the spread of contra dancing from regional dance cards listing the names of dances then in vogue. Some of these early dances are still popular today.

Dance enthusiasts gather each Wednesday night from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center in Princeton, where the Princeton Country Dancers present contra dances traditional to the United States and England as well as occasional English country dances that are somewhat more genteel in form than the typical contra.

The origin of the term "contra" is unclear. The Oxford English Dictionary suggests it is a corruption of "country." Others suggest it comes from the French *contredanse*. Newcomers to the form are welcomed by members of the Princeton Country Dancers, many of whom have been dancing for decades and for whom it is a family affair (on Sunday afternoons, PCD organizes occasional community dances geared for families with children).

Beginners are gently guided through the contra dance steps at an introductory pre-dance workshop that takes place from 7:40 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

In a typical contra dance, couples arrange themselves in a long set or sets running from the top to the bottom of the hall. Following called instructions, from a "caller," dancers perform a repeated pattern of steps that ensure each couple moves away from and ultimately back to their original position in the set, having danced with all the other couples in turn. Depending upon the number and form of steps, a contra dance can be as straightforward as a shoelace or as intricate as a lace ribbon. As the dance progresses, couples advance up and down the hall so that each couple will at some point be at the top of the line and progress to the bottom of the line. If it sounds complicated, this is only in the telling. It is much easier to do than to describe and PCD members will tell you that the only way to understand what a contra dance is to take to the floor and give it a try. There are many similarities with square dancing. A number of the steps are the same: swings, promenades, do-si-do, sashay, and allemandes, among them. None of the steps is more complicated than putting one foot in front of the other and every dance is given a "walk-through" by the caller before the music starts and the dance begins. When the dance is underway, the caller prompts the dancers' moves through each successively-repeated sequence of steps.

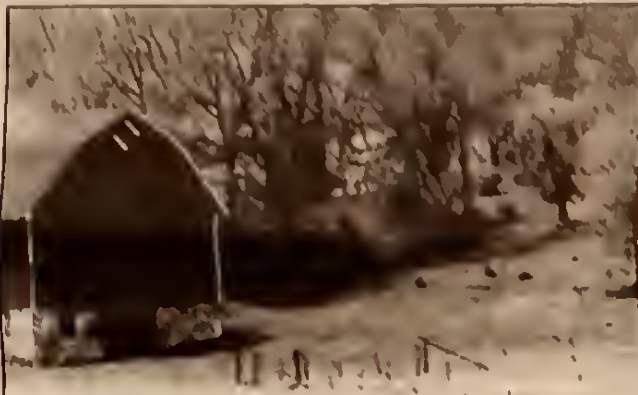
Comfortable clothes are recommended. Women generally adopt loose-fitting dresses or skirts designed to billow pleasingly when twirled; men wear lightweight slacks or shorts. One man wears a kilt. Shoes should be comfortable and soft-soled so as to protect the surface of the wooden dance floor. Some dancers go barefoot.

In traditional social dances such as these, "couple" generally means one of each gender. In fact, in contemporary contra dances you might find two women or two men dancing together. Sue Dupré remembers being struck by this aspect of the form when she was introducing a contra dance to an international gathering of sex and gender researchers at an annual conference taking place at Princeton University. Ms. Dupré began by defining some terms. As she described the "proper" and "improper" patterns, she found her audience convulsed with laughter.

"I hadn't given it much thought," she said, "but these dances recall an earlier, simpler time when one's role was much more strictly defined according to gender." In a "proper" formation gentleman and ladies face each other with men all on one side of the set and ladies on the other. In an "improper" formation, gentlemen and ladies still face each other but swap positions so that gents and ladies alternate along the lines. Such rules are passé these days. When there is an excess of one gender, it is customary for women to dance men's parts and vice versa. It can be quite disconcerting to the novice dancer to find one's female neighbor to be a man. "Don't be fooled by his gender," I was told at my first contra dance, "for the purposes of this dance, he's a lady!"

In Princeton, at a typical Wednesday night dance you will find contra dances with a few square dances, mixers (dances designed to mix the assembly and break the ice) and couples dances such as waltzes. It is considered bad form to dance exclusively with the same partner. The music is provided by live bands of local musicians with names such as "Fire Hazard," "Hold the Mustard," and "Crossing the Millstone," as well as by guest bands from Philadelphia, and as far afield as California and Canada. Once a month, a group of local musi-

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"There's a difference between the way people respond to live and to recorded music," notes fiddler and Princeton resident Susie Lorand, a frequent member of the pick-up band. "People who are new to contra dancing often comment on the live music; it's something special in contrast to recorded music so often taken for granted in the background. When I play music with other musicians it's enjoyable and rewarding, but there's a different kind of energy that is involved in playing for dancers. The musicians and dancers respond to each other."

For the dance on Saturday, many of the local musicians who play in the monthly pick-up band will join with Rum & Onions, the name given to a motley assortment of musical talent that has been performing for the last 26 years. Founded in 1980, by members of PCD, Rum & Onions began with 11 musicians. At one time there were as many

as 60 performers in the band. Saturday night's Rum & Onions line up will include some 30 musicians including the band's longest serving members: Barbara Greenberg (violin), Daniel Beerbohm (clarinet, flute, whistle) and Paul Prestopino (mandolin, banjo, harmonica). The band will have a dozen fiddlers in the fiddle section, almost as many mandolins, a viola, guitar, bass, banjo, piano, drums, concertinas, penny whistles, flutes, clarinets, recorders, harmonica, accordion, and one French horn! Rum and Onions will be conducted by fiddlers Michael Bell and Ms. Lorand.

An integral part of PCD and the pick-up band that plays for the Wednesday evening dances throughout the year, Rum & Onions serves to introduce new tunes to the pick-up band repertoire. Each year Rum & Onions performs for a Halloween costume ball that, until recent construction forced a new venue, had taken place at the Princeton High School since 1997. Last year's venue was the John Witherspoon Middle School.

Special guest callers on Saturday night will be Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) President Mary Devlin, CDSS National Director

Brad Foster, and CDSS board member Carol Ormand. All three are nationally-known callers. Founded in 1915, the CDSS promotes contra and square dancing and celebrates the "living tradition of English and Anglo-American folk dance and music." CDSS is a source for books and music as well as items such as bells for Morris dancers and swords for sword dancers.

Contra Dancing with Rum & Onions will take place this Saturday, February 11, at the Suzanne Patterson Center. Admission is \$10 and includes a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. No reservations are required. For more information, visit www.princetonol.com/groups/pcd or call (609) 683-7956. The Suzanne Patterson Center is located behind Princeton Borough Hall, at the intersection of Routes 27 and 206. Admission to the Princeton County Dancers Wednesday night dances (8 to 10:30 p.m.) is \$7; \$4 for students and seniors with ID. In addition to the Wednesday night dances, Saturday dances are held occasionally, usually on the 4th or 5th Saturday of each month, from 8 to 11 p.m.

— Linda Arntzenius



FIDDLING: Fiddling up a storm at a recent contra dance at the Suzanne Patterson Center are (from left) Dorothy Amsdon, Loretta Brooks, Susan Michniewski, and Pete Soloway.

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DVD REVIEW

The Pickpocket and The Donkey: Following Bresson's Strange Path

At dinner with friends in New York a few years ago, my wife and I got the word about DVDs from a film scholar. We were not just told "You don't know what you're missing," we were promised a whole new viewing experience, the emerging of details we'd been unable to see even in a good print: textures, surfaces, weaves, contrasts, the light in the love-tranced eyes of the mime and the beauty played by Jean Louis Barrault and Arletty in *Les Enfants du Paradis* (Children of Paradise). Until then we'd felt no particular urge to jump on the DVD bandwagon, but jump we did and the first film we rented, thanks to the wonderful collection at the Princeton Public Library, was the Criterion Collection edition of that movie. Our friend, whose commentary was among the features accompanying this pristine version of Marcel Carné's 1945 masterpiece, had not been exaggerating. You could almost feel the fabric of Barrault's jacket and the texture of Arletty's blouse.

If someone were to ask me to name the most memorable opening out of all the movies I've ever seen, my choice would be the first hour of *Children of Paradise*, from the first tracking shot of the carnival-midway bustle of the Boulevard du Crime to the sheer enchantment of the night the mime and the beauty find and lose each other. Asked the same question about movie endings, I'd probably mention the last moments of *City Lights*, *Citizen Kane*, *La Strada*, and *The Third Man*, among others, but for me, the most memorable of them all is the closing sequence of Robert Bresson's *Au hasard Balthazar* (1966), which is also available in the Criterion Collection, as is *Pickpocket* (1959), another of his major works.

In *Children of Paradise*, you make a smooth entrance, strolling along with the crowd on the Boulevard du Crime. With Bresson, whose career extended from the 1940s to the 1980s, you never stroll, and on your way to Au hasard Balthazar's extraordinary conclusion you have to make adjustments because the vocabulary of gestures, expressions, and intonations you're accustomed to has been altered. The experience could also be compared to undertaking a difficult journey without a map, or else with a map devised according to a system you have to learn as you go along; at times you will probably find the system irritating or dull and the route unnecessarily devious. At the final moment of *Pickpocket*, when the title character remarks on the "strange path" he and the girl he's kissing through prison bars took to find each other, you'll be thinking the same thing about the path you've followed on the way to that embattled embrace.

The Criterion DVD of *Pickpocket* comes with an essay on Bresson by Gary Indiana who declares in passing that Au hasard Balthazar is "a film about the sufferings of a donkey so painful to watch that if you can sit through it without weeping, you deserve to be hit by a Mack truck when you leave the theatre."

Good thing there were no Mack trucks in the neighborhood the first time I saw

that film, part of a Bresson season on BBC television. If there were tears in my eyes, they were from boredom. It seemed grim and tedious. Seen again decades later, on Criterion's "restored, high definition digital transfer," this pilgrimage of an animal through a fleetingly humane but mainly inhumane world left me feeling that I'd just seen one of the greatest films ever made. Even so, I would still question Gary Indiana's terminology. If you weep, it's not merely because Balthazar's lot is painful. What's moving is the indiscriminately cruel beauty of the film, the beauty of the animal, and the beauty of his death.

So, how did it happen that the first time I saw Au hasard Balthazar I was sleeping when I should have been weeping?

For one thing, I'd not yet found my way into Bresson's world. That began during the same BBC series with *A Man Escaped* (1956), where the prisoner's meticulous creation of his liberation is fascinating to watch; of all Bresson's films, it's the one in which you can imagine that he's giving you a demonstration of his creative process. It's a truly hypnotic movie, a hymn to method composed and performed with such relentless finesse that the notion of "escape" can be read in terms of art, music, religion, or just about any context worthy of the process. The first time you bond with Bresson you'll know it if you're engaged afterward in some routine task like making tea and find yourself fascinated by the poetry of your own methodology, the rhythm of your movements as you follow the ritual of preparation. You appreciate the way the spout on the kettle catches the light, the sound of the water when it begins to boil, the look of the milk as it blends into the color of the tea, the sound of the spoon against the cup as you stir the sugar in, watching it dissolve as you were watching, only a short time ago, the image of one scene dissolving into the emerging image of another. You know you've been Bressoned as you stand there stirring your tea in a brighter, more subtly dynamic element. The wily director has changed the settings, adjusted the volume, and sharpened the focus of ordinary existence. Which no longer seems ordinary.

Pickpocket was released three years after *A Man Escaped*. If you're coming to Bresson for the first time you may wonder what's wrong with the title character. Why the blank stare? Or is it blank? What's haunting him? He seems to be listening to distant, solemn music. You might think he'd just finished auditioning for a part in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*—not a fitting analogy since Bresson would never have hired an actor or even an aspiring

actor. He achieved his distinctive effects by exclusively using non-actors like Martin LaSalle, who plays the pickpocket, and Marika Green, only 16 at the time, who plays Jeanne, the Sonia to his Raskolnikov (the outline of crime and redemption, pride and paranoia in *Pickpocket* follows that of Dostoevsky's novel *Crime and Punishment*). "Plays" is not the right word, of course. Bresson wanted LaSalle not to pretend to be the pickpocket but to actually become him, to merge his unselfconscious essence with the self of the character. To accomplish such transformations Bresson would subject his non-actors or "models" to as many as 40 or 50 takes in which they had to go through the same motions or speak the same lines. No directorial

advice about the motives or psychology of the character. No smiling permitted and certainly no laughter and, with rare exceptions, no shouting. Bresson wants us to pay special attention to the eyes, the gaze. It's not merely down-playing or underplaying he's after, but the antithesis of acting: he's anti-performance, anti-expressiveness.

Both LaSalle, who has the bleak good looks of Montgomery Clift, and Marika Green, whose grave beauty is anything but bleak, have remarkably interesting faces (probably one reason they each eventually pursued acting careers), but it's their intense impassivity that makes them both such haunting presences.

We find out why LaSalle looked haunted and wasted thanks to an interview accompanying the DVD in which he admits that it took him 10 to 15 years to recover from the "totally exhausting" experience of making *Pickpocket*; far from regretting it, however, he clearly considers his time with Bresson the highest form of servitude (at one point he playfully raises his hands in prayer while making an apologetic aside to his dead "master"); he describes the effect of this demolition of his ego in terms of "a state of grace." Both LaSalle and Green give the impression that to have been together in a film by Bresson was the ultimate honor, something like having safely ascended Everest on the same expedition.

The Donkey's Pilgrimage

You should grit your teeth and journey through the adversity of Au hasard Balthazar even if you love animals—especially if you love animals. The savagery of the provincial characters may sicken and infuriate you, and you may feel no less repelled by the passivity of the girl, Marie, who loves and cares for Balthazar but is too weak (too human) to protect

him. Marie is "played" by non-actor Anna Wlazemsky, who has a beauty similar to that of Marika Green and is about the same age. While the passivity or impassivity of Jeanne in *Pickpocket* is redeemed by the moral intensity of her gaze, the impassivity of Marie seems merely weak, even a bit demented. There is a certain beauty in the "human animals" Bresson scrutinizes in *Pickpocket*; the way the pickpockets pass the stolen wallets and watches from hand to hand has a lyrical feel about it. But the only animal beauty in Au hasard Balthazar is in Balthazar himself, whose progress covers a range comparable to human life: a happy childhood being doted on by Marie and her playmates, then servitude, drudgery, abuse, unlikely adventures (as when he's used to help convey a pair of artists discussing action painting as they tour the mountains), celebrity as a circus performer, rescue from a near fatal illness, a mock deification we're allowed to take seriously ("He's a saint," one character says), the honor of pulling a funeral coach, and the dishonor of being used to transport smuggled goods, which leads to his death. The maze of sin and human folly the donkey navigates—worship, love, lust, violence, theft, shame, pride, and betrayal—lifts Au hasard Balthazar above *Pickpocket*, which has nothing in it equal to the sequence at the circus where Balthazar stares into the eyes of the caged tiger, polar bear, elephant, and monkey, the ultimate non-actors communicating their own mysterious recognition of one another's plight. The final scene will console you for whatever doubts or twinges of pain or distaste you may have felt along the way. In death, the donkey has a flock of lambs and Schubert's Piano Sonata No. 20 for company. The same passage from Schubert wanders throughout the film. It would be hard to imagine a more expressive accompaniment, since the impression given by Schubert's music, particularly the adagio movements in his sonatas, is that of the pilgrim or wayfarer venturing sadly but steadfastly through a world of sin and beauty and death.

DVD Bonuses

One thing that sets the Criterion Collection apart from other DVD sets is the quality of the added features. Thanks to media librarian Barbara Silberstein, the Princeton Public Library has all the Criterion's, not to mention the largest stock of classic American and foreign films in the area. Of the three films mentioned here, the edition that offers the most interesting features is *Pickpocket*, mainly because of filmmaker Babette Mangolte's odyssey, *The "Models" of Pickpocket*, wherein she succeeds in finding and talking to the film's three central characters 40-plus years down the road. What makes the encounters especially illuminating and charming in the context of Bresson is how animated these former "non-actors" are, all so expressive, smiling, laughing, gesturing, far more alive at their advanced ages than their impassive young counterparts in the film.

—Stuart Mitchner



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Muldoon's 3-Car Garage Band Performing at Patriots Theater

Poetry and academia join forces with Rock and Roll next Thursday, February 16, as Patriots Theater at the War Memorial welcomes Princeton-based rock band Rackett featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon.

In 2004 two Princeton professors, Muldoon and Renaissance scholar Nigel Smith turned their mutual love of music into a rock and roll band. A six-member group, Rackett is dedicated to playing straight up rock and roll as a self-described, 3-car garage band. The group's musical repertoire has been described as Gershwin-infused grunge, or Cole Porter meets punk, featuring Muldoon's unique lyrics. A Rackett stand-out is their performance of "My Ride's Here," which Muldoon wrote for the late Warren Zevon.

"The joy of Rackett is that these two laughably opposite entities—literary academia and 3-car garage band—can not only coexist but do so uninhibitedly, shamelessly," according to a review in these pages of their recent appearance at Berlind Theatre. Rackett is currently working on a first CD, provisionally entitled *Standing Room Only*.

Rackett also supports "the great work that Molly McDonough and her team are doing to revitalize Trenton and make it a cultural as well as a civic capital," according to Mr. Mul-

doon, who is hoping that some of the band's "Princeton stalwarts" will make their way over there: "We're going to have a blast."

The Kaplan Series offers on-stage seating with the artists, making for a unique, private concert experience. Seating is limited to 160. Tickets are available now at the Patriots Theater Box Office, Memorial Drive, Trenton, N.J. 08608 or online at www.tickets.com. Tickets can be charged by phone at (800) 955-5566. For more information, contact Patriots Theater Box Office: (609) 984-8400. Tickets are \$20.

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial is a division of the New Jersey Department of State. The War Memorial building was built in 1932 to honor the citizens of Trenton who served and lost their lives in World War I.

Pop Legend Neil Sedaka Coming to State Theatre

The popular pop performer and composer of more than 1,000 songs, Neil Sedaka, will appear in concert at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$60, with group, student, and senior discounts available.

With a career spanning six decades, Mr. Sedaka's hit singles have included Cofendor



RACKETT ROCKS BERLIND: They came, they saw, and they rocked back in December at Berlind Theatre. Princeton's own 3-car-garage band Rackett is (from left): Nigel Smith (vocals, bass guitar), Stephen Allen (keyboards), Lee Matthew (vocals, blues harp), Jim Linnehan (drums), Paul Grimstad (vocals, lead guitar), and Paul Muldoon (rhythm guitar).

Girl, Little Devil, and Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen. His platinum and gold records have made him one of rock and pop music's legendary pioneers.



Neil Sedaka

Reissues of Mr. Sedaka's recordings are released every year in America and abroad. Artists as diverse as Patsy Cline, Rosemary Clooney, ABBA, Cher, Gloria Estefan,

and Sheryl Crow have all recorded his songs.

It was classical music that shaped the musicianship of the young Neil Sedaka. At the age of eight, he had already begun his intensive classical piano training at the Juillard School of Music, practicing up to five hours a day. By the time he was 16, Arthur Rubinstein voted Sedaka one of the finest classical pianists in New York City high schools. Classical music has remained a passion for Mr. Sedaka, who once considered earning a doctorate in the field. But since his classmates were listening to rock and roll, to gain the acceptance of his peers he began to play the latest music at parties. He formed a doo-wop group in high school, the Tokens, recording two singles that became regional hits.

Greater success was soon to follow after he began a successful songwriting partnership with a neighbor, Howard

Greenfield. "For a long period of time, we wrote a song a day," said Mr. Sedaka. Although some of those songs never made it out of the house, many others made their way around the world. In the four years between 1959 and 1963, the songwriting team sold more than 25 million records; their collaboration was to last for 30 years.

A member of the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Mr. Sedaka has had a street named after him in his hometown of Brooklyn, and was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He has also been enshrined at the Madame Tussaud Wax Museum in Las Vegas. Recently, his song *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do* was listed by BMI as one of the 50 most performed songs of the 20th century.

For tickets, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

"Doo Wop" Vocal Groups To Visit Patriots Theater

The Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton will host a return visit of Richard Nader's Doo Wop Reunion on February 24 at 8 p.m. The show will feature some of the best known doo wop vocal groups from the 1960s and '70s, such as The Marceles, The Contours with Sylvester Potts, and The Marvelettes.


The Marceles' sound originated in 1961 when Blue Moon was playing on radio stations throughout America. Blue Moon sold more than two million copies. The Marceles have since completed three record albums with numerous hit singles. They also recorded the theme song *The Greatest Love* for the motion picture *The Interns*, and appeared with Chubby Checker in the film *Telstar Around the Clock*.

One of Motown Records' earliest discoveries, The Contours were formed in 1958 in Detroit. The group's list of hits includes *Do You Love Me*, *Just a Little Misunderstanding*, and *Whole Lotta Woman*.

The Marvelettes have had more than a dozen hits, eight of them on "Top Ten" lists. The most memorable, *Please Mr. Postman*, sold three million records. The trio's other top hits include *Playboy*, *Hee-Ho*, *4-5-7-8-9*, and *Don't Mess with Bill*.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$35 and are available at the Patriots Theater box office, online at www.tickets.com, or by phone at (800) 955-5566.

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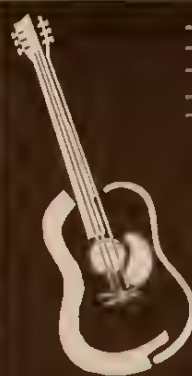
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State Theatre to Present Louis Armstrong Tribute

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present Marcus Belgrave's Octet in *A Louis Armstrong Tribute* on Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m.

With a naturally low, gravelly voice and warm stage personality, the jazz trumpet virtuoso Mr. Belgrave is one of the few performers in the world with the qualities needed to deliver a tribute to Louis Armstrong. Selected by Wynton Marsalis as one of the original members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Mr. Belgrave will be joined in the State Theatre performance by an eight-piece band featuring Charles Gabriel on tenor sax, clarinet, and vocals; Paul Keller on bass; Peter Siers on drums; Bill Meyer on piano; Chris Smith on trombone; Dave Flanagan on alto sax and clarinet; and Hugh Leal on banjo.

Selections from the tribute will be chosen from recordings from Armstrong's "classic" early period in the 1920s and '30s, with some of his later hits added. The program may include such songs as *Heebie Jeebies*, *Potato Head Blues*, *Back O Town Blues*, *Blueberry Hill*, *A Kiss to Build a Dream On*, *Mock the Knife*, *Whot a Wonderful World*, and *Hello Dolly*.

Mr. Belgrave first came to prominence in the late 1950s, touring and recording with the Ray Charles Orchestra. He then spent the early 1960s spearheading the modern jazz movement in New York, working and recording in the bands of Charles Mingus, Eric Dolphy, and Max Roach. Since moving to Detroit in the mid-1960s to join Motown Records as a staff trumpeter, he has established himself as one of Detroit's foremost jazz musicians. He has performed the music of Louis Armstrong with The Detroit Symphony, at Henry Ford Museum, the Charles H. Wright Museum of Afro-American History, the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, and in concert halls in 30 U.S. states and Canada.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$45, with group, student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469.



FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO PRINCETON: Celebrating the release of their new album, *"Long Walk to Freedom,"* the Grammy Award winning South African ensemble Ladysmith Black Mambazo will appear at McCarter Theatre on Friday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. The program will also include South African troubadour Vusi Mahlasela, featured in the documentary *"Amandla! A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony,"* which won two awards at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. Introduced to American audiences two decades ago by Paul Simon via his 1986 recording *"Graceland,"* Ladysmith Black Mambazo is known for marrying the intricate rhythms and harmonies of traditional South African music to the sounds of Christian gospel music. Tickets are \$32 and \$35, with \$7 student standing room. To order, call (609) 258-2787.

Westminster Clarinetist Nominated for Grammy

Robert Annis, a director and dean at Westminster Choir College, has been nominated for a 2006 Grammy Award.

In addition to serving as Westminster's dean, Mr. Annis is a clarinetist with Collage New Music, the Boston-based ensemble devoted to performing music of the 20th and 21st centuries. The group's recording of John Harbison's *Mottetti di Montale* with mezzo-sopranos Janice Felty and Margaret Lattimore has been nominated for a Grammy in the Best Small Ensemble Performance category. Formerly of Princeton, Mr. Harbison is a graduate of Princeton High School.

The Grammy winners will be announced today, February 8. "Receiving a Grammy nomination is certainly an honor," said Mr. Annis. "As a musician committed to the performance

of contemporary classical music, it's especially rewarding to see new music recognized in this way."



Robert Annis

Mr. Annis has performed as

clarinetist with numerous orchestras and chamber music ensembles and as a recitalist throughout the United States. Formerly a member of the San Antonio Symphony, he began substituting with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops while an undergraduate at New England Conservatory. He has performed on more than 40 recordings on the Phillips, Nonesuch, Koch, Northeastern, Crest, and Delos labels.

Selji Ozawa, Gunther Schuller, Sir Michael Tippett, Milton Babbitt, Peter Maxwell Davies, Clark Terry, and Vanessa Redgrave are among those who have appeared as guests with the Collage New Music ensemble. Presentations by Collage New Music have ranged from intimate chamber performances to fully-staged chamber operas and concerts with extensive electronic equipment.

Kingston Music School To Honor Its Founder

The Parents' Advisory Council of Kingston's New School for Music Study has announced that it will host a dinner in honor of New School co-founder Louise Goss this Saturday, March 11 at the Cranbury Inn in Cranbury. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

The event will pay tribute to Ms. Goss for her years of dedication to the school and for her contributions to the advancement of piano pedagogy. All NSMS family, friends, and alumni are invited.

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Westminster to Offer Organ Recital Sunday

The Westminster Choir College Faculty Recital Series will continue this Sunday, February 12, with a recital by organist Diane Meredith Belcher in Westminster's Bristol Chapel. The performance will begin at 3 p.m.

Entitled *Organ Masterworks*, the program will include Alain's *Suite for Organ*, Franck's *Grand Piece Symphonique*, and Bach's *Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins* arranged by Belcher.

Ms. Belcher has performed throughout the United States, and in France and England. She made her solo recital debut at 15, and received degrees from The Curtis Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music. She is a laureate of both the St. Albans (England) and Chartres (France) international organ competitions, and won the American Guild of Organists' top prize in its professional certification examinations. In addition to serving on Westminster's organ faculty, she is organist at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.



Diane Meredith Belcher

Ms. Belcher has performed regularly on the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ in Philadelphia, in duo-recital with trumpeter Rob Roy McGregor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and as a soloist with many orchestras. In July 2002, she performed the Jongen *Symphonie Concertante* with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Girard College Chapel, receiving a standing ovation from the 2500 members attending the American Guild of Organists convention. Her recordings are often broadcast on radio and television, including Public Radio International's *Pipedreams*.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY: in honor of Black History Month, the Westminster Jubilee Singers will present a concert this Saturday, February 11 at 8 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel featuring the music for which they have become known: African-American spirituals, hymns, and gospel songs. Conducted by J. Donald Dumpson, the ensemble performed in December with Sweet Honey in the Rock at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The group has also performed at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops Orchestra and at New York's Apollo Theater. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, and may be ordered by calling (609) 921-2663.

As a performer, Mr. Black focuses on 17th century key-terian Church and board music, particularly Westminister Conservatory. music of Dutch, German, or The recitals are 30 to 40 minutes in length and take place organ music of Bach, which on the third Thursday of the he has performed in its entire month, September to May ty. His recording of harpsichord music by Sweelinck has been released by Titanic of Westminister Conservatory. Records. He has also been a founding member of several Nassau concert will be March chamber ensembles, including 16, and will feature the trio the Princeton Baroque Ensemble, Serenata in a program of ble, Whitechapel Baroque, music by Hoover, Eastwood, and Channel Crossings.

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Mr. Black, a faculty member at Westminster Conservatory and director of the Princeton Early Keyboard Center, is best known for his recordings of 17th-century keyboard music on the PGM label. He studied organ and harpsichord with Paul Jordan and Eugene Roan and attended Princeton University and Westminster Choir College. He has taught organ, harpsichord, clavichord, and continuo playing since 1979.



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Mr. Woodson will be introduced by Carol M. Swain, Professor of Political Science and Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University. The founding director of the Veritas Institute, Inc., she is the author of numerous books including the highly acclaimed *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*.

McCarter Benefactors Will Hear Art Garfunkel

McCarter Theatre has announced that its annual Gala Benefit this year, on Saturday, March 4, will feature a performance by Art Garfunkel. Proceeds from the evening will support McCarter's theater and educational programs.

The black-tie optional gala will include dinner followed by Mr. Garfunkel's performance on the Matthews Theatre stage. The evening will conclude with dancing to a live band and a dessert reception under the heated outdoor tent.

Although it has been 30 years since *Bridge Over Troubled Water* was record-

ed, Mr. Garfunkel's image and distinctive vocal style remain among the most instantly recognizable in popular music.

Co-chairs of the event are Pam Goodwin of Princeton and Livia McCarthy of Plainsboro. Corporate sponsors include McCarter and English and Johnson & Johnson.

Benefactor tickets at \$350 include cocktails, dinner, performance, dancing, and dessert. Supporter tickets at \$175 include performance, dancing, and dessert. Concert-only tickets at \$65 are available by contacting the McCarter Theatre box office. For more information or to reserve tickets, call Christine Murray at (609) 258-6547.

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TWO TO TANGO: The American Ballet star Julio Bocca, joined by dancer Cecilia Figaredo, two singers, dancers from Ballet Argentino, and a live orchestra, will present the sensual show "Boccatango" at McCarter Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, February 15 and 16, at 8 p.m. Celebrating the dances and music of Mr. Bocca's native Argentina, the production will feature choreography by Ana Maria Stekelman and tango classics by Carlos Gardel and Astor Piazzolla. The show has entertained more than 20,000 dance and music aficionados in Buenos Aires. Tickets are \$35 and \$38, with student standing room \$7, available from McCarter's ticket office at (609) 258-2787.

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Princeton University's Program in Theater and Dance and Fund for Irish Studies will present Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* in the Matthews Acting Studio this weekend and next. Performances will be Thursday, February 9 through Sunday, February 12, and Thursday, February 16 through Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m.

The senior thesis production simultaneously celebrates the 100th anniversary of Beckett's birth and serves as a warm-up for the October launch of the Leonard L. Milberg '53 Collection of Irish Theater at the University's Firestone Library.

Waiting for Godot, considered by many to be among the best plays of the 20th century, juxtaposes imagery from the Bible, Japanese Noh drama, and the Marx Brothers' *Duck Soup* to create a humorous and poignant epiphany to humanity's powers of invention. According to faculty director Tim Vasan, "*Waiting for Godot* is the Mount Everest of the modern theater landscape. We all know it's out there, we all acknowledge its importance,

but few of us ever bother to make the climb. It is both funnier and darker in the flesh than it is on the page, because it is above all a play, and has to be performed to be understood."

In the fall of 2006, Princeton's Program in Theater and Dance, the Fund for Irish Studies, and Firestone Library will join forces with McCarter Theater to launch the Collection of Irish Theater, which will boast the largest number of Irish plays outside the Republic of Ireland. Mr. Vasan will direct John Millington Synge's *The Playboy of the Western World* in November in the Berlin Theater.

The *Waiting for Godot* cast will include John Doherty, Ben Mains, Jed Peterson, and Paolo Quiros, all class of 2006.

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TCNJ to Present Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession"

Shakespeare '70, Inc., will make its annual winter appearance at The College of New Jersey later this month when it brings George Bernard Shaw's controversial and socially provocative drama *Mrs. Warren's Profession* to the campus. Performances will be at The Don Evans Black Box Theater in Kendall Hall on Thursday through Saturday, February 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 26 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Warren's Profession was banned in London when it was written in 1894, and it took Shaw eight years to get a license to produce it. It was then banned in New Haven and New York, where the actors were cited for disorderly conduct.

The play's "woman-with-a-past" theme was common in London in the 1890s but what makes Shaw's treatment different is how the play refuses to preach, and how Mrs. Warren refuses to apologize for her choices. The play offers Shaw's social commentary on the hypocrisy of Victorian society and the role of women in that society.

Director John F. Erath's cast will include Janet Quarantone of Flemington in the title role; Leslie Dovalle of

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CINEMA REVIEW

Mrs. Henderson Presents

Widow Foils the Establishment and Brings Nudity to London Theater

In June of 1931, Mrs. Laura Henderson and her partners, Bernard Isaac and J.F. Watts Phillips, opened the Windmill Theater, a small auditorium located just off Piccadilly Circus in London's Soho district. The name was inspired by an actual windmill which had stood on the spot from the reign of Charles II (1660-85) until the late 18th century.

Initially, the theater hosted plays and later movies, but it did not make a profit. After it was bought by Mrs. Henderson and her partners, they introduced a non-stop, variety show combining vaudeville performers with a revue of nude women. Managed by the enterprising Vivian Van Damm, the establishment circumvented England's obscenity laws by using the same legal loophole which permitted the display of nude statues in museums.

The Windmill posed women who stood perfectly still on stage, and was successful even though it attracted a sleazy clientele. The careers of screen legends David Niven and Peter Sellers got their start there.

Until it was sold in 1964, its motto "We Never Closed" was posted on a plaque on the wall, a reference to its being the only theater in London that remained open during the blitz of World War II, except

for a dozen days in 1939.

Although a couple of earlier films have been set at the famed theater (*Murder at the Windmill* and *Secrets of a Windmill Girl*), Mrs.



THEY WANT TO SHUT US DOWN!: Vivian Van Damm (Bob Hoskins, left) confers with Mrs. Laura Henderson (Dame Judi Dench) about what steps they need to take to prevent the British establishment from closing their theater.

Henderson Presents is the first to describe the story of the creation of the legendary theater. Directed by Stephen Frears (*Pretty Little Things*), the film stars Dame Judi Dench in the title role and co-stars Bob Hoskins as Mr. Van Damm.

Dame Judi, who won an Academy Award for Shakespeare in *Love*, received her fifth Oscar nomination for her portrayal of Mrs. Laura Henderson, a rich widow recently repatriated to Britain after years in India. Dismayed at the prospect of devoting her golden years to knitt-

ing and charities, she purchases The Windmill and hires Van Damm to run it. This is the start of a tempestuous relationship.

The two become friends in spite of the bickering and the bleak backdrop of the war which is about to begin. Filled with delightful dialogue from beginning to end, there's chemistry between the actors and plenty of tension in this bittersweet character study.

Very good (★★★). Rated R for male and female nudity, ethnic insensitivity, and brief profanity. Running time: 103 minutes. Studio: The Weinstein Company.

—Kam Williams

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AT THE CINEMA

Annapolis (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). James Franco stars in this drama about a boy's attempt to turn his life around after being accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy. With Tyrese, Donnie Wahlberg and Chi McBride.

Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13 for coarse humor and a drug reference). Martin Lawrence is back as cross-dressing FBI Agent Malcolm Turner. This time out, he again goes undercover as his sassy alter-ego Hattie Mae in order to take a job as a nanny for a woman (Emily Procter) suspected of murder. Nia Long is the only other returnee from the principal cast.

Brokeback Mountain (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Oscar-nominee Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) directs this homoerotic drama based on the Annie Proulx short story of the same name. Set in Wyoming and Texas in the sixties, this romantic tale revolves around the divergent fortunes of a couple of closeted gay cowboys, one of whom finds fame in the rodeo (Jake Gyllenhaal) while the other remains a lowly ranch hand (Heath Ledger). With Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway as their wives.

Catch (R for graphic violence). Juliette Binoche and Daniel Auteuil star in this Hitchcockian psychological thriller about a married couple who receive a series of increasingly intimate videotapes of themselves in the mail from an anonymous voyeur. In French with subtitles.

Curious George (G). Will Ferrell and Drew Barrymore lend their distinctive voices to this animated adaptation of the beloved children's book of the same name about an American gentleman who has his hands full with the mischievous chimp he brought back from a visit to Africa.

Failure to Launch (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and partial nudity). Matthew McConaughey stars in this romantic comedy as a stay-at-home bachelor who has no idea that his impatient parents have hired the girl of his dreams (Sarah Jessica Parker) to coax him out of the nest.

Final Destination 3 (R for profanity, nudity, horror violence and gratuitous gore). Third installment of the horror film finds surviving high schoolers riding an ill-fated roller coaster from Hell run by the Grim Reaper.

Firewall (PG-13 for intense violence). Action thriller features Harrison Ford as a harried husband matching wits with a ruthless criminal who has kidnapped his family. Cast includes Alan Arkin, Virginia Madsen, Robert Forster, and Paul Bettany.

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Hoodwinked (PG for mature themes and action elements). Animated sequel to *Little Red Riding Hood* features the voicework of Glenn Close, Anne Hathaway, Jim Belushi, Anthony Anderson, Xzibit, Andy Dick, Sally Struthers, and Chazz Palminteri. Update of the Brothers Grimm classic fairy tale overhauls the tone of the original in favor of a Shrek-like sensibility.

Imagine Me & You (R for sex and expletives). Romantic comedy about a blushing bride (Piper Perabo) who leaves her husband-to-be (Matthew Goode) at the altar after she falls in love, at first sight, with a complete stranger she spots in the church.

Lost Holiday (PG-13 for sexual references). Queen Latifah comic vehicle about a shy saleswoman from New Orleans who belatedly blossoms from a wallflower into the life of the party and impulsively abandons *The Big Easy* for a European vacation after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. Makeover movie co-stars LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu, and Giancarlo Esposito.

Notch Point (R for sexuality). Woody Allen directs this crime drama about a social-climbing tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) at an upscale British country club who goes to great lengths to hide the fact that he has secretly seduced both a client's (Matthew Goode) sister (Emily Mortimer) and fiancée (Scarlett Johansson).

Mrs. Henderson Presents (R for nudity and brief profanity). Oscar-nominee Stephen Frears (*The Grifters*) directs this campy comedy, set in London during the Battle of Britain, about an eccentric widow (Dame Judi Dench) who purchases a run-down theater to put on an all-nude burlesque shows. With Bob Hoskins as her exasperated business partner.

Nonny McPhee (PG for adult themes, crude humor, and mild epithets). Emma Thompson handles the title role in this kiddie fantasy as a nanny who uses her magical powers to help a recently-widowed father (Colin Firth) manage his misbehaving brood of seven unruly children.

The New World (PG-13 for graphic battle scenes). Terrence Malick's 17th century costume drama reinterprets the tortured romance of soldier-of-fortune John Smith (Colin Farrell) and native princess Pocahontas (Q'orianka Kilcher), as set against the backdrop of the primeval wilderness and the colonial settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. With Christian Bale and Christopher Plummer.

The Pink Panther (PG for crude humor and suggestive language). Steve Martin revives the role of hopelessly incompetent Inspector Clouseau, first brought to the screen by the late Peter Sellers. In this prequel to the classic franchise of comic crime capers. Here, the French detective chases Beyoncé, who plays the prime suspect in the disappearance of a priceless diamond. Cast also includes Kevin Kline and Emily Mortimer.

Something New (PG-13 for sexual references). Sanaa Lathan stars in this romantic comedy about a successful, African-American accountant in search of an IBM (ideal Black Man) who is shaken to find herself attracted to her blind date (Simon Baker), not because he's a gardener, but because he's white. Supporting cast includes Mike Epps, Donald Faison, Blair Underwood, John Ratzenberger, Taraji Henson, Alfre Woodard, and Wendy Raquel Robinson.

Underworld: Evolution (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality, gore, and violence). Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman reprise their roles in this second installment of a trilogy of horror films about the love affair between a vampire and a werewolf whose tribes are at war.

When a Stranger Calls (PG-13 for profanity, violence, and intense terror). Horror film about a babysitter (Camilla Belle) who discovers that the increasingly threatening phone calls she's receiving are originating from somewhere inside the house.

The World's Fastest Indian (PG-13 for brief profanity, drug use, and a sexual reference). Sir Anthony Hopkins stars in this biopic based on the life and times of daredevil Burt Munro, New Zealand motorcycle enthusiast who set the world speed record in 1967 at Utah's famed Bonneville Salt Flats on a re-built Indian motorcycle made in 1920.

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Unheralded Conway Making Most of Chance, Helps Tiger Men's Hoops to Weekend Sweep

When the basketball season started, Justin Conway didn't see himself as a potentially pivotal player for the Princeton University men's squad.

Instead, Conway, who fought his way into the program as a walk-on, was preoccupied with working hard in practice to maintain his precarious spot on the roster.

But with Princeton getting off to a poor start and the coaching staff looking for answers, Conway's consistency and effectiveness in practice started to turn heads.

Needing better play at center, Princeton inserted the muscular 6'4, 215-pound Conway into the starting lineup against Davidson on January 29. Despite having not played a second this season, Conway responded with seven points and three as-

sists as Princeton fell 65-50.

Last Friday, Conway solidified his spot in the rotation as he fought back from a gash over his left eye to score four points and grab six rebounds in Princeton's 66-49 win over Yale.

A night later, Conway chipped in eight points and six rebounds to help Princeton whip Brown 52-37 and improve to 5-12 overall and 3-1 in Ivy League play.

Conway, a native of Santa Fe, N.M., is enjoying his moment in the sun. "When I came in as a walk-on, I had no expectations," recalled Conway, who did earn the team's Paul Richard Friedman Memorial Award last season, given to the member of the program who gives his best every day in every way.

"Last year, it was 'oh my gosh I'm on the team.' I've gotten to move up and get a shot. My time has come and I'm just trying to make the best of it. Since I've been here my aim has been to help the team succeed whether that be in practice or in games."

The humble Conway, who was more acclaimed in high school as a soccer goalie than for basketball, is quick to spread the credit.

"It's the whole team," said Conway. "I think everyone is playing better. Our team defense is looking better. I'm just happy that I went in there and that we are playing pretty well."

Sophomore forward Noah Savage, who fired in a career-high 23 points in the win over Brown, isn't surprised at Conway's impact.

"I think he brings us toughness and strength; he's a physical guy," asserted Savage. "Last year he guarded me every day in practice. It was tougher playing against him in practice than most people I played against in the games. He knows what he can do and he doesn't try to do anything he can't do."

Princeton head coach Joe

Scott happily acknowledged that the insertion of Conway into the lineup has changed Princeton's fortunes.

"That kid Conway is making a big difference," said Scott, whose club is all alone in second place in the Ivies, trailing only archrival Penn (4-0 Ivy).

"He was starting to play a lot in practice; he started to feel good about himself. We were thinking about playing him for a while; we just didn't know where or how. We were trying to see if a 6'8 guy could do it at center instead of a 6'4 guy. He's helping the other guys with his quickness and speed."

Conway's athleticism has helped tighten up the Princeton defense. "We've been spending a lot of time on defense, going back to the basics," said Scott, whose team held Brown to 25.7 percent shooting and forced 15 turnovers. "We were very aggressive tonight, we were on everything. I've seen a big jump in the guys; willingness to be like that. It's nice to see those kind of results for them."

It's also nice for Princeton to see senior guard Scott Greenman and junior forward Luke Owings break out of slumps.

Greenman poured in a career-high 27 points in the win over Yale while Owings did a little of everything against Brown as he scored nine points with four assists and five rebounds.

"The senior and junior are leading our team and that's what you need," asserted Scott referring to Greenman and Owings.

"Luke has been terrific for a month. In practice, he's been terrific and his work ethic has been terrific. He's playing better and it's showing up in the games. Since Scotty came back from his injury, we have been playing better. Scotty really shot well this weekend."

With Princeton heading to New England for games at Harvard on Friday and at Dartmouth a night later, Scott knows his team has to maintain the intensity it displayed last weekend.

"We have to go on the road and have a



CAREER NIGHT: Princeton University senior guard Scott Greenman races to the basket on his way to a career-high 27 points in Princeton's 66-49 win over visiting Yale last Friday. Greenman, who chipped in nine points in the Tigers' 52-37 win over Brown on Saturday, was named the Ivy League Player of the Week for his big weekend.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

similar kind of effort, defensively and offensively," added Scott, noting that the weekend sweep marked the first time Princeton has won back-to-back games this season.

"I know we're getting better. Obviously we're all hopeful. Is the light bulb coming on a little bit? We'll see when we go on the road."

Conway, for his part, believes the Tigers are ready to be road warriors. "This weekend was huge, getting two wins put us in the position to do well in the league," asserted Conway.

"By the same token, we have to really bear down because every game in the league is so important. We've got to refocus and come out with the same intensity or even more. It's tough on the road."

After the tough road Conway has traveled to become a starter for the Tigers, his intensity isn't likely to waver.

—Bill Alden



SUDDEN IMPACT: Princeton University junior center Justin Conway muscles his way past two Yale defenders in Princeton's 66-49 victory over the Bulldogs last Friday. After not having played a minute in Princeton's first 14 games this season, Conway has made a major impact after being inserted in the starting lineup on January 29 in the Tigers' game at Davidson. Princeton swept Yale and Brown last weekend to earn its first back-to-back wins of the season and improve to 5-12 overall and 3-1 in Ivy League play.

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Tiger Women's Hoops Star Cowher Enjoys the Ride As Steelers Take Crown, Princeton in Ivy Title Race

Last Sunday started on a down note for Meagan Cowher.

At midnight, the sophomore forward for the Princeton University women's team was in the middle of a long bus ride with her teammates as they travelled back to New Jersey from New England after losing 49-47 to Brown.

But 22 hours later, Cowher was on top of the world, celebrating with her father, Pittsburgh Steelers' head coach Bill Cowher on Ford Field in Detroit in the wake of Pittsburgh's 21-10 win over Seattle in Super Bowl XL.

For Cowher, who met up with her mother and two younger sisters early Sunday morning for a charter flight from New Jersey to Detroit, the result had special meaning.

In an interview last week before a practice session, Cowher reflected on the frustration she and her family had felt since her father's previous Super Bowl appearance which saw Steelers fall to Dallas 27-17 in 1996.

"It's so exciting, having a couple of losing seasons makes you realize how hard it is to get back to that game in the first place," said Cowher, who has a cameo role in the highlight film of Super Bowl XXX, hugging her father on the field after the defeat.

"Getting that championship is the one thing his career is lacking. We would be ecstatic for him; we see the hours he puts in and how much he cares for the team and the city. No one deserves it more."

Cowher, who was the Ivy

League Rookie of the Year last season and is averaging 14.4 points and 5.1 rebounds so far this season for the 13-5 (4-1 Ivy) Tigers, acknowledges that her father had a special influence on her as she adjusted to college hoops.

"He's kind of like my touchstone, he's a very important person in my life," asserted Cowher. "It's difficult coming in here as a freshman. When I was feeling frustrated, he could always lead me to peace of mind. He's so even-keeled and that's part of the reason he's been so successful."

The coach's influence extends far beyond athletics. "My dad has been amazing at keeping his job separate from home life," added Cowher. "He checks his job at the curb and is a dad first. If he worked a 12-hour day and we wanted to be put to bed or wanted the dishes washed, he was dad. I think that allowed him to stay grounded; my childhood was shockingly normal."

With her affection for her father and his team, Cowher was homesick for the Steelers when she first came to Princeton. "Our family is very close and it was hard for me to not be there with my dad on Sundays," said Cowher, who went to most Steeler home games from the time she was in elementary school.

"It was the first time I had been away from the city. We talked on the phone a lot more. Winberies has accommodated me a lot on Sundays, they have a satellite dish and they flip the game on for me."

Cowher's allegiance to the Steelers has helped the Tigers forge deeper bonds. "They've been converted for the most part, I'd like to think," said Cowher with a laugh referring to her teammates.

"I know a couple of them have 'Terrible Towels' in their rooms. They know my dad and how important it is to my family. They have come to Winberies with me to watch the games. They are always the first to call me after a big game."

There have been some big games to watch this fall as the Steelers rose from a 7-5 mark to run the table with an eight-game winning streak on the way to the franchise's fifth Super Bowl crown.

"We had to win so many games in a row to get into the playoffs," said Cowher. "I don't think anyone thought this would happen and that's made it so much more exciting. We're the underdog and I think my dad kind of likes that. It fits the team well; they are a close group of guys."

Cowher sees the same type of camaraderie as a factor in Princeton's hot start which has it in the thick of the Ivy race for the first time in years as it trails only Dartmouth (5-0 Ivy) and Brown (5-1 Ivy). "We are really committed to the team and we all get along so well," asserted Cowher.

"It's the closest team I've been a part of. It's just exciting; we're all on the same page. On any given night, anyone can step up. We're thrilled



SUPER FEELING: Princeton University sophomore forward Meagan Cowher looks for an opening in recent action for the Princeton women's basketball team. Last Sunday, Cowher flew to Detroit to be on hand when her father, Pittsburgh Steelers' head coach Bill Cowher, guided his team to a win in Super Bowl XL. This weekend, Cowher will look to help the Tigers take a big step in the Ivy League race as Princeton hosts Harvard on February 10 and Dartmouth on February 11. Princeton, 13-5 overall and 4-1 in Ivy play trails Dartmouth (5-0 Ivy) and Brown (5-1 Ivy) in the league standings.

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whoever it is; we're a very hot, who will look to provide unselfish team." excitement this weekend as With the Steelers' title run the Tigers host Harvard on coinciding with Princeton's February 10 and Dartmouth a rise up the Ivy standings, Cowher has been keeping a hectic sensory overload but a pace, fitting in numerous wouldn't have it any other media interviews between way. It's been so positive. practices, games, studies, and And it resulted in an exciting Sunday that made long-held dreams come true for Cowher everywhere, coming in all different directions," said Cowher and her family.

—Bill Alden

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Rossi Dominates County Meet Once Again, Leading PHS Girls' Swim Team to 4th Place

As Nina Rossi stood in the blocks waiting to swim the anchor leg in the 400-meter freestyle relay last Saturday at the Mercer County Swimming Championship meet, the Princeton High senior star was determined to do something special.

PHS stood third in the race as Rossi flew into the water and started to churn through lane three at the Lawrence High pool.

The din in the building turned to gasps as Rossi powered past the WW/P-S and Lawrence swimmers in the lanes next to her, roaring to victory.

Earlier in the day, Rossi had won the 200 individual medley, breaking her own meet record as she clocked a time of 2:19.34. Rossi also powered her way to the title in the 100 butterfly in 1:03.57.

Rossi's heroics helped PHS take fourth of 14 schools in the team standings behind champion WW/P-S, Lawrence, and Notre Dame.

For Rossi, who was named as the meet's most valuable girls' swimmer for the fourth straight year, it was the relay victory that will stand out.

"It was my last race here," said Rossi. "I'm a senior and I had to put it all on the line for the team. I did my best split ever."

Rossi was humbled by receiving the meet's top individual accolade once again. "It's an honor," said Rossi, who will be swimming at the University of Maryland

on a scholarship. "There have been so many good people in here. Lauren Smart was breaking records today. Last year, I know records were broken. It's great."

For PHS head coach Greg Hand, it's been an honor to see Rossi's brilliance over the years.

"She's a great swimmer, everybody knows that," said Hand. "She is also a memorable swimmer. In this pool alone, I can remember at least a half-dozen times when Nina has had to swim someone down in order to pull out a relay for us."

Rossi's swim in the 400 free relay epitomized how she can dominate a race. "There is always a point in a race where anticipation turns into a great sense of satisfaction," asserted Hand. "You appreciate how hard Nina has worked to get as good as she is."

Hand is not the only one that appreciates Rossi's feats. "There are a lot of races, like this one, where the room gets extremely loud," said Hand. "More often than not, when Nina is swimming, the room gets quiet as people just watch and appreciate."

The PHS coach also appreciated the efforts he got from his other girls at the county meet. Kathleen Morrison took third in both the 200 free and the 500 free while Elizabeth Cava placed fifth in the 500 free and Martha Ferguson finished sixth in the 100

breaststroke. "I'd say the weekend as a whole was a great meet for Kathleen," asserted Hand. "To get the seed she got in the 500 the other day was a terrific swim, there were tough kids on either side of her. She also swam a very fast 200 for her. We got great step-up swims from Elizabeth Cava."

With PHS having advanced to the state Public B final the last two seasons, Hand is hoping that his team is ready to step up collectively with the state competition on the horizon.

"We had a middle level swim the first day," said Hand. "All the kids who came back today swam really well. There was a lot of spirit and more confidence than the other day. I think we had some competitive efforts and some really good times. We're not deep so everybody who swims for us has to produce."

Rossi, for her part, is ready to produce as she caps her remarkable PHS career. "Every moment that I'm with the team is great," asserted Rossi. "We have a great chemistry. I hope we can finish strong together in the states, that is our goal. We had some great swims today and hopefully we can look forward to more. I don't know if I'm going to do much better but I'm going to try."

Based on Rossi's dominance at the county meet, PHS can look forward to a strong finish from its superstar.

—Bill Alden



GUTTING IT OUT: Princeton High junior Mike Stehn displays his freestyle form in a recent training session. Last weekend, Stehn overcame a stomach illness to help the PHS boys' swim team place fourth of 14 teams at the Mercer County Swimming Championships. Stehn placed sixth in the 100 free and helped the 200 free relay team to finish second and the 400 free relay take third.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

PHS Boys' Swimming Guts It Out; Earns Fourth Place at County Meet

When Mike Stehn woke up last Friday with an upset stomach, it looked to be a major blow to the Princeton High boys' swim team.

Later that day, the junior star was slated to compete in the trials at the Mercer County Swimming Championships.

Gutting it out literally and figuratively, Stehn qualified for the 100-meter free finals and helped the PHS 200 free and 400 free relay teams advance.

Stehn's grit exemplified the mentality displayed by the PHS boys on Saturday's finals as they placed fourth of 14 teams in the competition held at Lawrence High.

Individual standouts for the Little Tigers included freshman Sean Mackenzie, who placed third in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 breaststroke, and Joe Carroll, the fifth-place finisher in the 500 free and the 6th place finisher in the 200 free.

Stehn, for his part, placed sixth in the 100 free and helped the 200 free relay team finish second and the 400 free relay take third.

PHS coach Greg Hand was impressed by how his boys' squad rose to the occasion. "What was great for the guys is that they exceeded expectations today for competitiveness and speed," said Hand with a grin. "The guys seemed to be in very good condition today. More importantly, their racing mentality was good."

Hand had special admiration for the courage shown by Stehn at the meet. "Mike was sick to his stomach early Friday morning, he came in looking terrible," recalled Hand.

"He was recuperating at the meet and he did well enough to have a chance to come back today and swim some eye-opening legs in his relays. I'm happy for him."

There were several other performances Saturday that made Hand happy. "Jimmy Newcombe smashed his personal best in the 200 free and then came back and had two terrific legs on the relays," said Hand of Newcombe who took eighth in the 200 free.

"Sean Mackenzie had a wonderful meet as well. He's a

great relay swimmer for us. On top of that he did exceptionally well in his two individual events. He's a freshman who hasn't been swimming competitively for very long."

With the state tournament coming up later this month, Hand knows his team will need to display its competitive fire.

"We don't have very many power points this year," noted Hand, whose boys' team has won the Public B Central Jersey title four times in the last five years. "We may have to go through a CVC opponent at states which will be tough."

But if PHS can emulate the toughness displayed by Stehn at the county meet, it will be a formidable opponent in the states.

—Bill Alden



FOUR-PEAT: Princeton High senior star Nina Rossi churns through the water in last year's state tournament. Last weekend, Rossi dominated the Mercer County championships once again as she was named the meet's Most Valuable Girls' Swimmer for the fourth straight year. Rossi won the 200 individual medley in a meet record time of 2:19.34 and the 100 butterfly in 1:03.57. She also produced a dazzling anchor leg to help the Little Tigers rally for a win in the 400 freestyle relay. Rossi's heroics helped PHS take fourth of 14 schools in the team standings behind champion WW/P-S, Lawrence, and Notre Dame.

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PHS Boys' Hockey Plagued by Late Collapses, Aims to Get Back In Sync for Home Stretch

In losing to Steinert last week to suffer its first defeat after an 11-0-2 start, the Princeton High boys' hockey team blew a one-goal lead as it got outscored 3-0 in the third period.

Last Wednesday, PHS hit the ice at Baker Rink against Hun determined to get back on the winning track. After surrendering an early goal, the Little Tigers scored four unan-

swered goals to gain control of the contest.

But going into the third period with a 5-2 lead, the Little Tigers sputtered down the stretch for the second time in a week.

Plagued by some sloppy play in its defensive zone, PHS gave up three goals in a three-minute period to see its lead evaporate. An inspired Hun team closed the deal,

tacking on two more goals to earn a 7-5 win.

In assessing his team's late collapse, PHS head coach Paul Merrow acknowledged that his players got a bit complacent.

"I think they were very confident when they got up 5-2," said Merrow, who got two goals from Peter Miller and one apiece from Peter Teller, Kyle DeBlois, and Christian

McCracken.

"They thought Hun was going to roll over and play dead. Once Hun scored, they slowly started to come back. We made bad passes up the middle of the ice. The guys weren't carrying the puck; they were just throwing them up the ice. It was a total meltdown."

The defeat prompted some soul-searching by the players as well as the coach. "They were very, very embarrassed," recalled Merrow. "They couldn't believe what happened; they sat there for a

very long time. They need how you play the game," asserted Merrow, whose club was slated to play Steinert on

February 8 at Mercer County Park before facing Ridgewood at the Ice House on February 11. Tigers responded to Merrow's intensity with an inspired effort as they topped Hightstown 10-0 last Friday as Teller scored three goals and Jell Goeke and John Ryan added two apiece.

PHS, though, took a step backwards as it fell 6-1 to Notre Dame last Saturday in the Titan Cup semifinals to Little Tigers shouldn't lose too drop to 12-3-2 on the season. "I tell them that winning and losing isn't everything; it's

—Bill Alden



CRACKING DOWN: Princeton High junior defenseman Christian McCracken controls the puck in recent action. Last Saturday, McCracken and the Little Tigers suffered a 6-1 loss to Notre Dame in the Titan Cup semifinals.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



HIGH STICKING: Princeton High junior forward Peter Teifer flies up the ice in a game earlier this season. Last Friday, Teifer scored three goals to lead PHS to a 10-0 win over Hightstown. PHS, now 12-3-2, plays Steinert on February 8 at Mercer County Park before facing Ridgewood at the Ice House on February 11.

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LEGAL FORUM

Divorced Parents Have an Obligation to Contribute Towards Their Children's College Expenses

When a divorce involves children, the parties are confronted with a host of issues that are specific to the child: custody, parenting time, and child support are the most recognizable aspects of a divorce. However, many divorcing parents are surprised to discover that they may also have an obligation to contribute towards the college related expenses incurred by their child. Now, more than 20 years after the decision in the seminal case of *Newburgh v. Arrigo* was decided, it is well established in New Jersey that one aspect of every parent's economic obligation towards their children is the funding of educational expenses. Just like food, shelter and clothing, today's New Jersey Courts view higher education as a practical necessity which a child is entitled to receive. The court's opinion in *Kiwanis v. Gandhi*, 284 N.J. Super. 102 clearly enunciates the belief that "a child's need for education and guidance to develop character and responsibility is to the mind and spirit the same nurture as food, clothing, shelter and medical attention are to the body."

With the ever increasing costs of a college education, the prospect of being held responsible for the tuition and related expenses may at first seem daunting to a parent who is facing the emotional and financial upheaval that often comes with a divorce. The law recognizes that with each family comes a different financial landscape and differing expectations on higher education. The issue is, therefore, to be examined on a case by case basis. In determining whether the parents should have an obligation to pay towards the cost of college the court must look at the twelve individual factors enumerated in the *Newburgh* decision. Those factors are:

- (1) Whether the parent, if still living with the child, would have contributed toward the costs of the requested higher education;
- (2) The effect of the background, values and goals of the parent on the reasonableness of the expectation of the child for higher

education;

- (3) The amount of the contribution sought by the child for the cost of higher education;
- (4) The ability of the parent to pay that cost;
- (5) The relationship of the requested contribution to the kind of school or course of study sought by the child;
- (6) The financial resources of both parents;
- (7) The commitment to and aptitude of the child for the requested education;
- (8) The financial resources of the child, including assets owned individually or held in custodianship or trust;
- (9) The ability of the child to earn income during the school year or on vacation;
- (10) The availability of financial aid in the form of college grants and loans;
- (11) The child's relationship to the paying parent, including mutual affection and shared goals as well as responsiveness to parental advice and guidance; and
- (12) The relationship of the education requested to any prior training and to the overall long range goals of the child.

Clearly, there are no easy answers to this analysis. It must first be determined which factors apply in any given case. Only then can the parties and the court undertake the necessary analysis to determine the appropriate level of parental contribution. Careful application of these factors to the particularized facts of an individual family will yield a fair result and benefit the child.

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Hun Boys' Hoops Loses Battle to St. Pat's But Hardened for Upcoming Post-Season

The Hun School boys' basketball team knew it faced a stern test last Thursday when it hosted St. Patrick's of Elizabeth.

Featuring a lineup stocked with players destined to play at the next level, the vaunted Celtics brought a 15-3 record and the No. 4 ranking in the state into the clash.

A pumped up Hun team jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the early moments of the contest but never led after that as the Celtics reeled off a 15-5 lead to build a 17-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Showing its offensive flair and defensive intensity, St.

Pat's quieted the Hun crowd as it cruised to a 58-38 win.

While he was disappointed with the result, Hun head coach Jon Stone said, "I think we did some good things tonight but obviously not enough good things." Added a subdued Stone, "At times, we had good possessions but I think we really got beat up on the boards in the first half."

The beating Hun absorbed in the paint appeared to sap its spirit in the early stages of the second half. "We didn't execute at all in the beginning part of the second half," said

Stone, who got 19 points from junior star Idris Hilliard

and 11 from sophomore Lance Goulbourne. "If we hadn't come out flat, I think we could've made a better game of it. I was happy with the way we competed."

In Stone's view, his team is better for taking on such high-powered competition notwithstanding the result.

"It's arguably one of the best, if not the best team we will face all year," said Stone, whose club rebounded from the loss to top Hill 63-57 last Saturday to improve to 15-7.

"We like that; we want to play really good teams," said Stone, whose team plays at Rutgers Prep on February 8 before facing Our Savior New American in the Prime Time Shoot-Out on February 10.

"We want to keep preparing for our post-season. I think playing a team like that magnifies some of your mistakes. Hopefully we can learn from this."

Stone was pleased with how freshman guard Kenny Ross responded to the pressure exerted by St. Pat's and its pressing defense.

"I'm very confident with his ball handling," said Stone, referring to Ross. "I think he showed that tonight. They are very quick and their guards are physical. I think he showed he belongs out there; he did a good job."

As usual, Hun got a very good job from junior star Hilliard. "He's special," said Stone of the 6'6" Hilliard, who is leading Hun in scoring with an average of more than 16 points a game. "When we needed him the most tonight, he stepped up and made the big plays. He's only going to keep getting better."

Hun hopes to keep getting better and better collectively with the state Prep A and Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournaments coming up later this month.

"I think we can do special things," said Stone, whose club fell in the semifinals of both tournaments last season. "We just have to keep everything going and I think we will. I have a good feeling about this team."

—Bill Alden



KING OF THE HILL: Hun School junior star Idris Hilliard, left, goes up for two for his game-high 25 points in Hun's 63-57 win over visiting Hill last Saturday. Hun, now 15-7, plays at Rutgers Prep on February 8 before facing Our Savior New American in the Prime Time Shoot-Out on February 10.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

Blackburn Steps Up His Scoring Production As Hun Boys' Hockey Gets on Right Track

A.J. Blackburn and his teammates on the Hun School boys' hockey team glided off the ice with their heads down after the second period of their clash last Wednesday with Princeton High.

Hun trailed once-beaten PHS 5-2 and seemed to be on the verge of getting blown off the ice at Baker Rink.

Upon emerging from the locker room for the third period, the Raiders looked like a different team. With Blackburn and freshman Brendan Gallagher each scoring two goals, Hun pulled out a dramatic 7-5 win.

Afterward, a smiling Blackburn acknowledged that a stormy session at the Intermission helped fuel the Hun rally.

"There was a lot of emotion in the locker room, we got really pumped up," recalled Blackburn, a junior forward.

"We wanted to show that we had heart. We have had a couple of games where we lost in the third period. We wanted to show what we could do."

Blackburn downplayed his role in the stirring comeback. "It was more of a team effort," asserted Blackburn. "It felt good. No goal was a one-person effort. We didn't have one hero."

Hun head coach Francois Bourbeau concurred, crediting his team's collective will with producing the victory.

"That was our best period

all year," asserted Bourbeau. "We put a lot of heart to the end, they kept the faith and I think that made a big difference. I told them to stop trying to make the best move and just dump it in and skate hard."

One of Hun's hardest skaters was the swift Blackburn, who split the PHS defense with his frequent forays to the net.

"He made a huge difference in this game," said Bourbeau. "I think he helped pump up the team when we were a little down. He kept working hard and trying to turn things around. I'm really happy with his work."

Bourbeau was also pleased with the work of freshman forward Gallagher. "He's been strong all season and now it's really coming out," added Bourbeau, referring to Gallagher who scored the game-winning goal.

"He had a big goal in this game. It shows that whether you're a senior or a freshman on this team, if you work hard, you will produce and good things will happen."

With Hun having gone 4-1-1 in its last six games after a 4-9 start, Bourbeau is hoping that more good things will happen over the rest of the season.

"We still have the county tournament," said Bourbeau, whose club fell 7-2 to powerful Morristown-Beard last Monday in the state Prep semifinals.

"We proved something to ourselves with this win. Princeton High is the No. 1 seed in the tournament and if we can beat them, then why can't we win the tournament. We showed that we can compete against the good teams."

In Blackburn's view, Hun's turnaround started well before the PHS win. "In the beginning of our season, the practices were a little slack," said Blackburn. "Francois has really turned the team around. He brought the upperclassmen inside and told us that since we don't have a lot of seniors, the juniors really have to step up."

If Blackburn keeps stepping up like he did last Wednesday, Hun should be tough competition for anyone it faces the rest of the way.

—Bill Alden

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PDS Boys' Hockey Tops Montclair-Kimberley, Earns Prep Title Rematch Against Mo-Beard

After winning seven straight Prep B titles, the Princeton Day School boys' hockey team may have been getting blasé about their success.

Last winter, however, PDS got a major wake-up call as Morristown-Beard came into town and beat the Panthers 3-2 to take the title and snap the title streak.

That stinging defeat was on the minds of the PDS players last Monday as they hosted Montclair Kimberley in the state Prep semifinals.

"It definitely hurt a lot to lose last year," said senior goalie Jared Tepper. "Sometimes when you win that many times, you get a little complacent. You think it's just another year but now Mo-Beard has the title and we want to get it back."

The Panthers didn't waste any time showing their championship desire as they built a 2-1 lead after the first period. PDS then added three unanswered goals in the second to build a 5-1 lead going into the

third period.

In the final 15 minutes, PDS controlled possession to earn a 5-2 victory and a trip back to the Prep championship game on February 15 when they host Mo-Beard for the rematch.

"We wanted to come out flying tonight," said Tepper, reflecting on the Panthers' quick start. "We wanted to get a quick lead and build on it. We've been coming back the last couple of games. We didn't want to have to do that

tonight."

Tepper and his senior classmates feel a special responsibility to lead the team back to the title game. "It's tough, we have a lot of young players on the team," said Tepper, who registered nine saves in the win over Montclair Kimberley. "Somebody has to guide them and show them the way."

PDS head coach Chris Barless was happy that his team made its way back to the title game. "In order to win it this year, we had to win the semis," said Barless, whose club improved to 12-6-1 with the victory. "We were trying to win today and worry about the next one when it comes. We've been playing catch-up a lot all year and we didn't want to come back today."

In Barless' view, the play of Tepper has kept PDS in many a game this winter.

"Jared has definitely stepped into a leadership role," asserted Barless. "It's nice when your goalie is a senior and he's been our rock this year. After the guys mess up, he's there to save them."

In the win over Montclair Kimberley, PDS got plenty of production up front as Justin Mimmo and Eric Czapka each scored two goals.

"They were very good," said Barless referring to his top line of Mimmo, Czapka, and Derek Mayer. "They are really starting to play well together. They had a lot to do with our comebacks the last couple of weeks."

Barless is depending on his core of veteran leaders to help the team peak for the rematch with Mo-Beard. "The seniors have been through this, they know the tradition and history that we have," said Barless, whose team will play home games against Malvern Prep on February 8, St. Joe's Metuchen on February 10, and LaSalle on February 13 as it prepares for the clash with Mo-Beard. "We definitely want it again. They are just a real good team up and down. It'll be a test but it's something we are looking forward to."

Tepper, for his part, is chomping at the bit for another chance at the Crimson. "It definitely poses a big test for us," said Tepper. "We are definitely going to be motivated for that game. If somebody is not motivated for that game, they shouldn't be playing the sport."

—Bill Alden

PDS Girls' Hoops Wins Two Straight; Defensive Intensity Sparks Progress

While the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team is playing at a higher level this season, its has developed a penchant lately for falling short in tight games.

So last Saturday when PDS built a 17-14 halftime lead over Ranney, the Panthers still had jitters. Led by Hannah Epstein's 16 points and solid defensive play, PDS overcame its nerves and earned a 33-30 win.

PDS head coach Sue Repko was relieved to see her team come through in a close one. "It was good to come out with a win," said Repko, whose club had lost four straight and 10 of its last 11 coming into Saturday's contest. "We got the lead up to five or six at times but we couldn't put them away."

The Panthers built on that triumph, beating Timothy Christian 45-34 on Monday. PDS showed good balance in the win Monday as Meg Francfort led the way with 11 points with Keely Langdon adding 10, Epstein chipping in nine, and Ashley Chappo getting seven.

"Offensively we moved the ball well," said Repko in assessing her team's win Monday. "We were getting rebounds and that really helped Meg and Keely get their points."

Noting that PDS has now won six games, tripling last season's total of two, Repko cited an increased commitment to defense as a factor in the team's improvement.

"We're playing more person-to-person defense," said Repko, whose club is now 6-15 on the season. "We're pressing more. Playing better defense helps the offense come alive."

The team's defense has been sparked by the recent return of junior forward Langdon, who was sidelined for the early part of the season due to injury.

"Keely is working her way back," said Repko. "She's

100 percent physically but she's still working on making more of her shots. Defensively, we usually put her on the other team's best player and she's been a big help."

One of PDS' best players has been sophomore guard Epstein, who is leading the team in scoring with an average of nearly 11 points a game. "Hannah is doing well," asserted Repko. "She's hitting threes for us and she is also driving well."

Another bright spot for the Panthers has been the play of athletic junior forward Chappo. "Ashley is in such great shape and she never stops running on the court," said Repko of Chappo who is averaging 10 points a game.

"She is always looking for the fast break. She has a very quick first and second step and can get around people. She has also developed her left hand so she isn't just going to the right."

PDS has been sparked by the development of freshmen Erin Cook and Emily Waters and sophomore Erin Burns. "Erin Cook has really helped us," said Repko. "Erin Burns and Emily Waters both have nice shots and have helped us on defense. I expect them to be more of a part of our offense next year."

With PDS playing at Hun on February 8 and then facing Rutgers Prep on February 9 in the state Prep B playoffs, Repko knows that her team has its work cut out for it.

"We're going into those games looking to play our hearts out," said Repko. "We are the underdogs in both games but you never know."

Even if PDS falls short in those match-ups, Repko likes the program's future prospects. "We only have three seniors on the team," said Repko, referring to Ellen Cook, Cait McPhaden, and Lexi Shechtel. "We have the core of the team coming back and they are excited. They are talking about going to a summer camp as a team. Going into next year, I'm feeling good about things."

—Bill Alden



RETURN ENGAGEMENT: Princeton Day School goalie Jared Tepper prepares to save a shot in action earlier this season. Last Monday, Tepper made nine saves to help PDS to a 5-2 win over Montclair Kimberley in the state Prep semifinals. PDS will host Morristown-Beard on February 15 in the Prep title game. Last year Mo-Beard edged the Panthers 3-2 in the championship game to end PDS' seven-year title streak. (Photo by Bill Allen NJ SportAction)

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ON THE RISE: Princeton Day School sophomore guard Hannah Epstein bursts past two defenders in recent action. Last Monday, Epstein chipped in nine points as PDS topped Timothy Christian 45-34 to win its second straight game and improve to 6-15. The team's win total mark's a tripling of last year's total of two wins. In upcoming action, PDS plays at Hun on February 8 and then facing Rutgers Prep on February 9 in the state Prep B tournament. (Photo by Bill Allen NJ SportAction)

PHS

Boys' Basketball: Casey Huckel had six points but it wasn't nearly enough as PHS fell 50-30 to visiting Moorestown last Saturday. The Little Tigers could manage only 11 points in the first half as they fell to 7-10 on the year. PHS competes in the Mercer County Tournament starting on February 14.

Girls' Basketball: Erin Cook led the way once again as PHS routed New Egypt 41-16 last Wednesday. Cook poured in 22 points to help the Little Tigers improve to 8-12 on the season. PHS competes in the Mercer County Tournament starting on February 14.

Wrestling: PHS placed seventh of 14 teams last weekend at the Mercer County Championships. Individual standouts for PHS included Andre Cutler, the second-place finisher at 152 pounds, Tom Frantzen, the third-place finisher at 171, and J.P. Henrichsen, who took third at 275. Corey Marsh was fifth at 103 and Louis Marchetta was fifth at 112. In upcoming action, PHS hosts Allentown on February 8 and Trenton on February 11.

HUN

Girls' Basketball: Amanda Sepulveda led the way as Hun topped visiting Notre Dame 56-40 last Monday. Sepulveda poured in 20 points while Ali Tartacoff and Emily Gratch added nine apiece as the Raiders improved to 16-5 on the season. In upcoming action, Hun hosts Princeton Day School on February 8 and at Hamilton High on February 9 before starting play in the state Prep A tournament.

Swimming: The Raider boys' team finished eighth of 14 teams last Saturday at the Mercer County Swimming Championships. Individual standouts for Hun included Andrew Philhower, the second-place finisher in the 50-meter freestyle and the fourth-place finisher in the 100 butterfly, and Connor Bowman, who took second in the 100 backstroke and placed fifth in the 200 free. The Raiders wrap up competition in the state Prep championship meet on February 8 at Lawrenceville.

STUART

Basketball: Senior star Kathryn Kitts produced one of the best efforts of her sterling career to lead Stuart to a 54-52 win over visiting Lawrence last Monday. Kitts fired in 34 points as the Tartans improved to 11-7 on the season. In upcoming action, Stuart hosts Gil St. Bernard's on February 11 in the opening round of the state Prep B tournament before playing at Moorestown Friends on February 13.

Ice Hockey: Stuart fell 4-0 to visiting Pingry last Saturday. In upcoming action, the Tartans face top-seeded Morristown-Beard in the state Prep tournament on February 8 at the Lawrenceville School Rink before playing at Hill on February 10.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Led by Porter Braswell, Lawrenceville topped Faith Christian Academy 72-60 last Saturday in the N.J. Scholastic Play-by-Play Showcase. Braswell poured in 30 points with Billy Campion adding 14 and Leonard Hayes chipping in 11.

The Big Red, now 9-10, host Valley Forge Military Academy on February 8, play Germantown Academy on February 12 in the Prime Time Shoot-Out, and then start play in the state Prep A tournament.

Girls' Basketball: Colette Salemi broke into double figures but it was hardly enough as Lawrenceville was routed 61-31 by undefeated Morris Catholic last Saturday. Salemi tallied 11 points as the Big Red fell to 4-9 on the season. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville competes in the state Prep A tournament.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Paced by the one-two scoring punch of Jordan Mickens and Drew Godwin, PDS cruised to a 79-52 win over visiting South Hunterdon last Monday. Mickens fired in 26 points and Godwin chipped in 25 as the Panthers improved to 6-14 on the season.

In upcoming action, the Panthers host Pennington on February 8 in the state Prep B tournament with the winner to play at Solomon Schechter on February 12. In addition, PDS faces Steinert on February 13 in the first round of the Mercer County Tournament.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Unable to get its offense going, PDS fell 6-0 to Portledge last Thursday. PDS, now 7-9-2, faces Pingry in the state Prep semifinals on February 8 at the Lawrenceville School rink before hosting Shady Side on February 11 and Holton Arms on February 12.



NAILING IT: Princeton High senior star Kriston Naylor chases down the puck in recent action. Last Sunday, Naylor and the Little Tigers skated to a 6-6 tie with visiting Summit to move to 6-4-3 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays Holton Arms on February 11 and Shadyside on February 12 with both games to be played at the Princeton Day School rink. The Little Tigers will then play Portledge on February 13 at Flemington.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Dillon Youth Basketball February 4 Results

In action last Saturday in the boys' 4th/5th grade division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Ellis Bloom scored eight points and Paul Murray added six as the Knicks topped the Bulls 22-18. Asaf Davidof scored 16 points to lead the Heat to a 34-24 win over the Raptors. Dallas Mosner scored 12 points as the Nets routed the Wizards 28-6. Jeremy Goldsmith had six points and Jordan Lerner added five as the Magic topped the Sixers 19-15. Matt Vassuer led the Sixers with eight points. The Bobcats topped the Celtics 18-14 as Brandon Yi scored 11 points and Kobe Lewin added five.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Matt Lesnik score 14 points and Oren Karsen added 10 as Sportsmedicine Princeton nipped Princeton Amoco 28-27. Bobby Doll scored 11 points and Andrew Furlong added eight as Iano's topped American Sewing & Vacuum 25-14. Beau Horan and Eamon Cuddy scored 10 points apiece as GR Murray topped Momentum Fitness 32-18. Mike Manley scored 12 points to lead Caliper Farms points including a last second to a 36-25 win over Princeton shot to force overtime. Pettoranello Fund. William Jonathan Ostroff had 15 and Payne scored 11 points as Devon Holiday-Black had 17

Ershow Chiropractic topped McCalfrey's 29-17.

In games in the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Mike Olenline scored nine points and Brennan Lewis added eight points as the Raiders topped the Cougars 30-24. Thomas Irby scored 18 points and Colby Haring added 16 points to lead the Knights to a 43-22 win over the Pirates. Henry Gomery scored 24 points as the Vikings posted a 38-26 win over the Tigers.

In action in the girls' 4th/5th grade division, Jessica Campisi scored nine points to lead Tull's Terrors to a 17-16 win over Princeton Dental. Arielle Thomas had 10 points in the loss. Isabelle Blooston and Annie Morris scored six points apiece as Princeton Youth Sports topped Momentum Fitness 18-9.

The girls' 6th/9th grade division saw Isabelle Clarke score 16 points as Mack-Call Realty rallied to top Blawenburg Market, 24-22. Meg Reilly had 10 points in the loss. Lauren Yianilos scored 10 points to lead Dr. von der Schmidt to a 24-5 win over Woodwinds.

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 boys' travel basketball team lost 64-60 to Edison in overtime. Ryan Meier scored eight points in the loss. Princeton shot to force overtime. William Jonathan Ostroff had 15 and Payne scored 11 points as Devon Holiday-Black had 17



SIGNED UP: Hun School football standouts Turner Wimberly, second from left, and Michael Boyle, fourth from left, are all smiles last Wednesday as they celebrated making college football commitments for next season. Boyle, a lineman, will play for Northwestern University while Wimberly, a back, will go to Vanderbilt University. The student-athletes were joined by Hun School Director of Athletics Bill Quirk, far left, together with Hun football coaches John Law, center, and Dan O'Dea.

A day later, the U-12 Central Jersey League action. boys squad fell 67-32 to On Saturday, Princeton Ewing 67-32. Ostroff and Holiday-Black had nine points deficit to defeat Woodbridge each. The U-12 squad defeated South Brunswick charge with 22 points on 8-of-48-47 on a last second shot 15 shooting. Josh Gordon scored all of his 14 points in the second half and pulled down the stretch. Holiday-Black had 14, Ostroff 10 and Ryan Meier scored seven points in the victory. Princeton's U-14 boys' squad boys travel basketball team split their two games in

behind 14 points from Janie Smukler and 12 from Molly Barber. Princeton is now 6-2 in Flemington League action. The Princeton U-11 boys basketball team defeated Lawrence 34-30. Ellis Bloom led the way with 11 points with Scott Bechler contributing eight.

PAWS Wrestlers Post Big Victories

The Princeton Amateur Wrestling Society (PAWS) posted two big wins in recent action, topping West Windsor 174-107 last Thursday and beating Hopewell 98-72 on January 26.

In the victory over West Windsor, individual winners for PAWS included Landis Hackett at 66 pounds, Joey Dashevsky at 64, Alex Pecora at 92 pounds, Tom Pecora at 59, Robert Morelli at 101, and John Morelli at 65.

Individual standouts for PAWS against Hopewell included Chris Harisades, Tyler Jaeger, Colin Bell, Erik Snyder, Cole Snyder, Colin McManus, and Jake Kemas.

In upcoming action, PAWS, now 11-2 on the season, hosts its third annual Tiger Classic at Princeton University's Dillon Gym on February 11 when it takes on the Pennsbury Falcons at 9 a.m.

PGSA Softball Clinics To Start February 15

The Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) will be holding free skills clinics starting on February 15 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Princeton High old gym.

Other clinics are slated to take place on February 22 and 27 at the same location and time. The PGSA has hired John Scheese, a veteran softball coach, umpire, and trainer, to help the players hone their skills.

For more information on the clinics and/or registering for the upcoming PGSA season, call Paul Gray at (609) 683-5393 or log on to www.princetonlittleleague.com.

Little League Tryouts February 26 at Hun

The Princeton Little League baseball spring 2006 tryouts will be held February 26 at the Hun School gym in Princeton.

All children who wish to play in the B minor, ages 7 and 8, A minor, ages 9 and 10, or Major division, ages 11 and 12, must attend. The league is open to all residents of Princeton who are between the ages of 5 and 12 as of April 30, 2006.

Families who wish their children to be considered for a division above their age must make a written request to the organization to seclancy@comcast.net

The season starts April 1 and concludes in mid June. T-Ball, ages 5 and 6, play on Saturdays. Instructional league, ages 6 and 7, is coach pitch with two games a week. To register or for more information about tryouts visit the league website at www.princetonlittleleague.com.

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Susie Waxwood

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The former Witherspoon School was restored as the apartment complex "The Waxwood" to honor both her and her husband and the school that Mr. Waxwood governed. Ms. Waxwood attended a reception for the grand opening of the complex last year.

Mrs. Waxwood was a devoted member of the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, president of the Women's Association, and founding member of Witherspoon's Verse Speaking Choir. She served for several years as treasurer

of the Witherspoon Federal Credit Union, an organization which she helped to establish. Her legacy was the annual birthday food donations to the Princeton Crisis Ministry, a project which she started because of her commitment to alleviating hunger.

Daughter of the late John D. and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Saulsby Brown, wife of the late Howard B. Waxwood Jr., and mother of the late Howard B. Waxwood III, she is survived by a sister, Vera B. Randolph of Mount Vernon, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was February 4 at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home,

Trenton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, 123 East Hanover Street, Trenton, 08608.

Compiled by Town Topics editorial staff

Mollie S. Lenhardt

Mollie Susie Lenhardt, 91, of Philadelphia, a former longtime resident of Princeton, died January 28 at home.

She was a member of Church of Christ Church in Trenton.

Predeceased by her husband, Jordan L. Lenhardt, she is survived by a daughter, Barbara Austin of Philadelphia; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was February 4 at the Church of Christ, with Pastor Clarence Matthews officiating.

Local arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton. Additional arrangements were by the Frank Funeral Home of Greenville, S.C.

Rudolph C. VonColln

Rudolph (Rudy) C. VonColln, 75, of Princeton, died February 3 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Philadelphia, he grew up in Cape May, where he was a 1949 graduate of Cape May High School. He received an associate's degree in electronics engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

He served in the Coast Guard during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952.

He worked as an electronics engineer for 32 years at Princeton University in the

Accelerator Lab and later for the Geophysics Department.

He enjoyed sailing, fishing, flying model airplanes, and returning to his Cape May childhood home during the summer to enjoy the beach.

Son of the late Frank VonColln Sr. and the late Frieda Wink, he was predeceased also by his four brothers, Frank, Johnny, Fred, and Charlie. He is survived by his wife Else; his children Gary, Lori, and Eric; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held this Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. at The Princeton Meeting of Friends at Stony Brook, 470 Quaker Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimers Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Gordon M. Loos

Gordon Moody Loos, 79, of Haverford, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died February 4 at The Quadangle in Haverford of complications of end-stage renal disease and of a broken femur suffered January 1.

He was born in Nanking, China, in 1926, where his father was treasurer at Gin Ling University. He and his parents were evacuated from the Nanking Incident six months later. He spent his childhood and adolescence in Princeton, where his father served as business manager for the Princeton Theological Seminary. He attending public schools until 1944, then graduated from Mount Hermon Academy in January, 1945.

He served in the U.S. Navy from March, 1945, until he was honorably discharged in August, 1946 with the rank of electronic technician's mate, third class.

He graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University with the class of 1950.

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He earned a master's degree in biology from Harvard University in 1951.

He worked at Educational Testing Service in Princeton until 1956, when he moved to Philadelphia to begin employment as a layman with the American Board of Surgery. He remained there until his retirement in 1991.

His avocations were in the fields of music appreciation and singing, painting, poetry, and correspondence, including humor.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a son, Jonathan of San Francisco; a daughter, Elizabeth of Conshohocken, Pa.; and a brother, Donald of Sarasota, Fla.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the fine arts program at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010.

Arthur R. Wengel

Arthur R. Wengel, 97, of Princeton, died February 4 at Princeton Care Center after a long illness.

Born in Omaha, Neb., he was a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and remained a lifelong fan of the Cornhuskers.

He came to Princeton in the early 1940s to become treasurer of Opinion Research Corp. In 1948 he founded his own accounting firm, Wengel Service Corp. He also owned Princeton Printing Company.

Active in many community organizations, he was president of the Princeton Rotary Club in the early 1950s.

He was pre-deceased by a son, David. He is survived by his second wife, Charlotte; a son, Douglas of Skillman; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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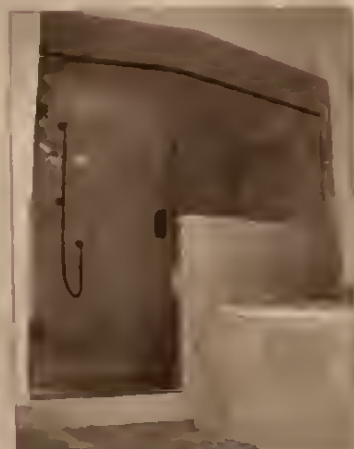


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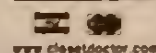
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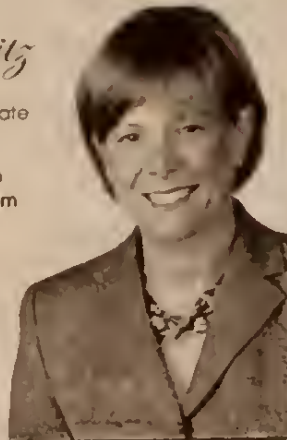
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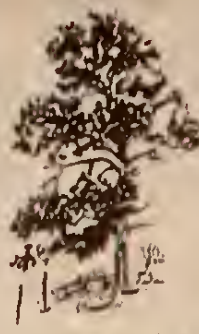


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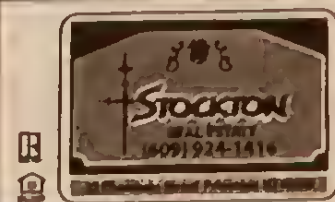
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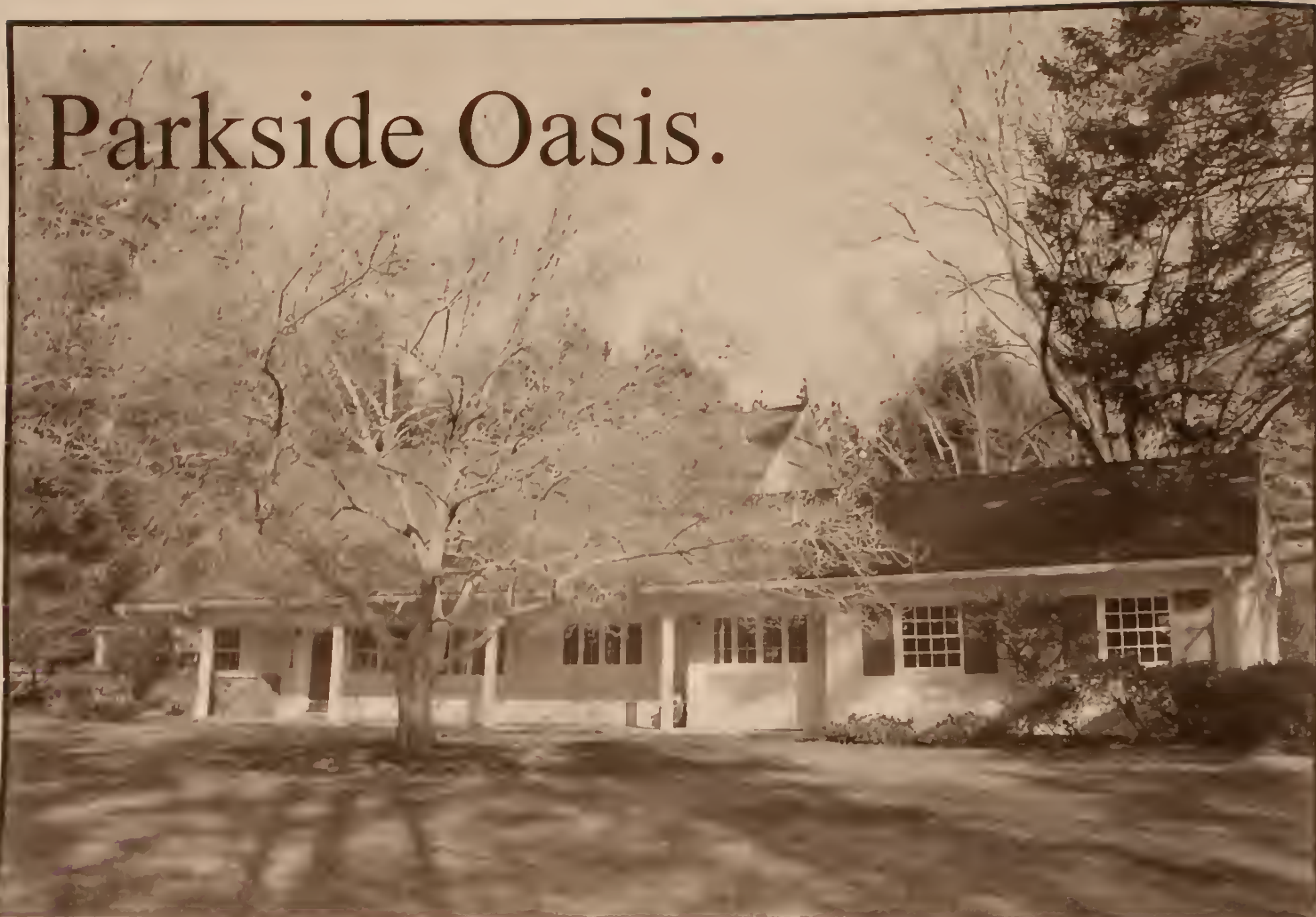
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So, if it's "I Do, Take Two" for you (that is the name of a second marriage website, by the way), you are far from alone. Whether you are divorced, widowed, remarrying your former spouse, or — as many are doing today — renewing your vows, there are many options available to celebrate that magic moment.

And lots of questions! Who and how many to invite? Wording of invitations. Where to have it — destination wedding? What to wear? Should the bride be given away? Kids in the wedding — his and hers? What about presents?

It really is your preference. There is no hard and fast etiquette about second marriages, and people can follow their own instincts.

Style and Taste

Couples are generally older and more confident about their own style and taste. They do not hesitate to please themselves. It's their moment, and frequently, they went through all the rituals of pleasing other people the first time around.

As Susan Panzica of Princeton, who remarried four years ago, points out, "It was a beautiful outdoor California wedding in the garden of my sister's home in Napa Valley in the wine country. This time, I was more involved in the planning of the wedding, and it was almost as if it was two different people in two different times. I really focused on things that were important to us. I never once thought of what was important to others — just what mattered to John and me. It all went so smoothly, and I basically did it all long distance, with a lot of emails and faxes, and it all came together."

Mrs. Panzica, who is owner with her husband of Fabulous Frozen's desserts, was very much in charge of planning her event, but there are times when the bride and groom of second marriages employ the services of a wedding consultant, especially if it is a very large affair. Wedding planner Mary Harrison of Euphorbia in Lawrenceville, notes that even though couples are older, more confident, and capable, they like the idea of hiring a professional, and Ms. Harrison can relieve them of all the time-consuming and often frustrating details. She will handle everything from invitations to site selection, booking vendors, photographer, limosines, etc. She also prepares a time line, with schedules of what to do when, including detailing items for the days leading up to and the day of the wedding.

"Second time couples are usually more established in a career, have more money to spend, and are accustomed to hiring professionals to help them," points out Ms. Harrison. "The bride mostly knows

exactly what she wants to do, and there is a lot less pressure all around. There are not as many people to please as the first time, and usually things run very smoothly."

Ms. Harrison does recommend wedding insurance to all couples, however, to cover unanticipated events, such as blizzards, power outages, and the like.

Often, second time weddings are very large, she adds. "I've handled second weddings with 225 guests. Remember, the couple has a wider network of people now. All the friends from before, and more, plus family and business acquaintances. Children can include those of both bride and groom, as well as grandchildren, if the couple is older."

Forties to Seventies

Speaking of age, it's never too late, reports Ms. Harrison. "The couples in weddings I've done, range from their forties well into their seventies."

Evelyn Goldring, owner of Evelyn's Stacy, the women's shop in the Lawrence Shopping Center, points out that many of the second time brides she sees in her shop were once high school sweethearts. "They married other people, were widowed or divorced, and then somehow managed to reconnect, perhaps at a high school reunion."

This was the case of an older Princeton couple, the Edmonds, who met in high school in Buffalo, N.Y., went their separate ways, and married others, but then found each other at a reunion, after their respective spouses had died. They married when they

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were in their early seventies, moved to Snowden Lane, and had 17 happy years together before Mrs. Edmonds died.

Proving the truth of the song's lyrics, "The Second Time Around", they were truly a smitten couple. It was not unusual for Mr. Edmonds to say of his wife, quoting lines from Wordsworth: "She was a phantom of delight when first she gleamed upon my sight," and then recite the entire poem from memory!

When Mrs. Edmonds later became ill, he would often refer to that poem and say, "That is how Evelyn will always be for me."

Couples planning a second marriage are usually very excited and optimistic, notes Ms. Harrison. If they had been

divorced, they look upon this as a new start and a chance for a happy life together.

Thrilled and Excited

"I was very thrilled and excited, says Susan Panzica, whose husband, John, had been widowed. "I had said I didn't want to be married again, but then John changed my mind. He even surprised me with an engagement ring. I wasn't expecting it. It was a beautiful traditional diamond ring, and then I had a platinum wedding band with diamonds, too."

The choice of a ring for second weddings is as individual as the taste of the bride, note those who witness it firsthand in jewelry stores. "They often want to choose something different from what they had for their first marriage," explains Sharon Appello, manager of Princeton Jewelers. "Perhaps, in some cases, they never had

an engagement ring the first time around. Maybe they couldn't afford it or maybe it was very small. Now, they're in a position to get what they want. Also, tastes change as people get older, and fashions change."

There is no real etiquette regarding rings for a second marriage, she adds. "It might be a less traditional wedding or engagement ring. They might choose yellow or pink diamonds instead of the traditional white. Also, not everyone picks a wedding band. Someone might just choose a ring with a favorite stone, and not necessarily a diamond. Maybe they always wanted an emerald!"

Frequently, brides choose a very different looking ring from before, adds Stephanie Gemmill, sales associate at Hamilton Jewelers. "It could

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be a different shape from the ring from their first marriage. The cushion and radiant cut are popular today. It's an antique cut, with micro pavé diamond setting.

"Probably, 85 percent still choose diamonds for engagement rings, but others select rubies and sapphires. Also, wedding bands often have stones all the way around, an 'eternity' band, with no beginning and no end. They are often all diamonds, or mixed with colored stones, especially sapphires."

Typically, the groom's ring is a gold or platinum band, note the jewelry experts. Often today, platinum is especially in demand.

Several Rings

Both Ms. Appello and Ms. Gemmill advise a bride to try on several rings to see how they actually look on her finger. "I urge them to try on absolutely everything!" says Ms. Appello. "They need to see what it will look like when they wear it."

"It's important to try on the rings, and the brides like to see how it will look. After all, it's something they will wear all the time," adds Ms. Gemmill.

Often the couple will come in together, and the bride will choose some favorites, she continues. "Then, the groom will come back later to select one, so she can still be surprised. But this way, it takes the guess work out of it. They are usually very excited and happy, romance is definitely in for the second marriage!"

"I think rings are a very important part of a second marriage — maybe even more important than the dress or the location," points out Ms. Appello. "After all, it's something the bride will always wear. The ring takes center stage. This time, they want the perfect ring. I believe that each ring takes on the personality of the bride-to-be."

Since the second wedding, unlike the first, is largely free of rules, the "To Do" list is at once more flexible, but also more confusing. Should there be showers, for example? Most often, the couple each has a well-established house, with all the necessary household items they need. If a shower is suggested, however, opt for something different, perhaps with themes, such as "Self Improvement," "Wine

Cellar", or "Great Outdoors."

TheKnot.com, a marriage website, points out that gifts of lessons, for cooking, calligraphy, sculpting, ballroom dancing, scuba diving, etc. or wine glasses, wine rack, wine tasting classes, or gardening tools, hiking/camping equipment, binoculars, or rock climbing lessons, are often welcome, depending on the couple's interests.

No Gifts

Many of these ideas are also suitable wedding gifts as well, although in most second time around brides and grooms specify "No Gifts." So often, however, no one pays attention, and guests want to mark the occasion with a special remembrance.

A recently re-married friend notes that she and her husband received wonderful gifts, after registering at Thehoneymoon.com website, which lists various places for wedding trips. When the couple chooses a location, they can also select hotels, restaurants, activities, etc. Wedding guests may choose what they'd like to give the couple, depending on the amount to be spent.

"For example, she recalls, we were given a night at the hotel from one couple, and massages for two at the resort spa from another friend."

Susan and John Panzica firmly specified no gifts for their wedding, but again, guests ignored that request. "Even though we said on the invitations 'Your gift will be your presence', people got around it, and were very creative, giving us very personal gifts. One of my favorites was from our nanny. We love wine, save all our corks and

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QUIET REFLECTION: The newlyweds take a quiet moment in this photograph by Karen McLean.



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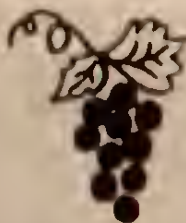
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keep them in a bowl. Unknown to us, she had taken the bowl, and made a wreath of all the corks.

"Other people gave us gift certificates to favorite restaurants, which was also thoughtful and very nice."

Invitations to second weddings vary tremendously, and the Panzicas chose a very imaginative approach. "They were written as if the invitation was from my two boys, ages four and 15 months, inviting people to the wedding of their parents," explains Mrs. Panzica. "They were off-white, featuring grape design, because of the winery setting of the wedding."

Tiny Tuxes

Children from the former marriages of the new couple are often included in the wedding party. In the Panzica's marriage, the boys, who wore tiny tuxes, were ring bearers, and as Mrs. Panzica notes, sometimes, you have to

expect the unexpected. "The four-year-old pulled the 15-month-old in an antique wagon, then he just decided to stop midway down the aisle. Somehow, kids manage to steal the show!"

Not just the children, but occasionally former spouses can also be involved in the upcoming nuptials. Consider this true story. One of my friends had an unhappy first marriage. She later met a wonderful man who was divorced, and they eventually decided to marry each other. My friend didn't want a white wedding dress this time, so she opted for a very pretty silvery-blue silk long dress. She wanted "something which won't hang in the cleaner's bag in the back of the closet."

Although my friend and her former husband had cut all ties to each other, her new husband-to-be had stayed very friendly with his former wife, with whom he had three children. Often when the children visited their father, my friend was at the house, and she got to know the children and their mother, who would usually

drop them off. The two women grew fond of each other, and my friend had no objection when her fiancé asked if she'd feel comfortable having wife number one (and, of course, the children) at the wedding.

The big day came, the small church was filled with family and friends. Many of the guests had been friends of the groom and his former wife. They all traveled in the same social circles, and there was no malice involved between the "old couple's friends" and the "new couple's friends."

The groom's children were attendants, and their mother sat proudly, beaming as the children came down the aisle. Then the bride and her father left the vestibule, started down the aisle — and that's when the former wife realized that she and the bride were wearing the exact same dress! Not only did she notice this, but the rest of the congregation did, too.

The former wife was most

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apologetic. Fortunately, the two women had well-honed senses of humor, and the legend of "old mommy and new mommy's dress" spread far and wide.

And, oh, the former wife did have the good sense to go home and change her dress before the reception!

Want Cake?

How about the cake? Do you want a cake? Want to cut the cake first? Why not?

Since this wedding is to be exactly the way you want it, the choice is yours. Most people do choose to have a cake, but it is not always the traditional version. They can range from chocolate to carrot to cinnamon!

Remembering her own second marriage, a friend tells of her cake experience. She and her husband-to-be said very firm no's to the tiered cake with tiny bride and groom dolls, perched on top. "We wanted a sheet cake with white icing and yellow writing — a couple of yellow icing ribbons, too, as our song was 'Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Oak Tree'. Why, I don't know, except we used to like to dance to it.

"We followed the theme by having yellow ribbons and flowers at the ends of the pews in the church, and also my parents had tied a huge yellow bow on the tree at the end of our driveway to direct guests to the house where the reception was to be held.

"Anyway, I told the woman at the bakery what else I wanted on the cake, and she and my mother (whom I had reluctantly agreed to have accompany me) were appalled. 'I can't put Stick With Me, Baby! on a wedding cake,' asserted the woman. My mother just stood there saying, 'You can't, you aren't, you won't!'

"Stick with me, baby was something my husband and I used to say to each other when we were dating, so this was what I wanted to surprise him with when the cake was presented. Of course, I got my way, and the cake was a big hit."

Susan Panzica chose a three-tiered traditional cake for her wedding, but with a twist, she adds. "It was a carrot cake (my favorite), with the traditional cream cheese icing, and accented with purple grapes, in keeping with the wine theme of the wedding."

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Another second time around bride chose untraditional music for her wedding. A number of years had elapsed between her first and second marriages, and friends used to tease her "When you finally get married again, they're going to play 'The Hallelujah Chorus!'"

"When it came time to choose the processional and recessional in the church," she reports, "I arranged to walk in to Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy', and the recessional was, indeed, a very spirited version of Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus.' It was a secret and a big surprise to all, and of course, everyone enjoyed the moment."

Choice of music is very personal, and especially for a second wedding. Susan Panzica chose to have music throughout her wedding, starting with a harp, flute, cello, and violin ensemble before the ceremony

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and during the cocktail part of the reception. Traditional music was chosen for the ceremony itself, and a DJ was on hand for dancing during the reception.

In addition, at the end of the ceremony, the newly married couple walked down the aisle to Frank Sinatra's version of "Fly Me to the Moon." "John is a great Frank Sinatra fan, and I wanted to surprise him with the music," explains Mrs. Panzica.

Surprise! Surprise!

Surprises are a fun part of many second time around weddings. Liz Hock and Marian DeVeau of Merrick's women's shop remember a couple who surprised everyone. "They wanted a surprise wedding, and they got it! They invited their guests to a picnic, and then surprised them by getting married then and there. All the guests were in shorts and casual clothes, and the bride wore an elegant black gown and the groom a tux. There is just no special etiquette for a second marriage, for any part of it, including dress. You can do what you want and make it yours!"

That is exactly what Susan Panzica did. In her case, she chose an off-white traditional wedding gown. "I wanted a wedding dress. I wanted to look and feel like a bride. I didn't plan to wear anything on my head, but my eight-year-old niece made a little flower arrangement for my hair."

Mrs. Panzica's sister was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. And in an especially poignant moment, Mrs. Panzica's father accompanied her down the aisle to give her away. "My dad and I had been estranged for 17 years, and then we reconciled a year before the marriage," she recalls. "He walked me down the aisle, which he had not done at my first wedding. It was very special."

The 35 guests (there had

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been 150 at the first wedding) enjoyed a catered dinner reception, dining outside at tables under white market umbrellas. White paper lanterns were strung throughout the garden. "I didn't want a tent," recalls Mrs. Panzica. "And we had absolutely wonderful weather. All along, during the planning and the whole process, my motto was 'No matter what happens, at the end of the day, I'll be married! I felt calm and confident."

"After all, what a great opportunity to have this amazing event, which signifies so much on so many different levels, including both John and I being welcomed into each other's families," she continues. "Everything went as planned. It was wonderful; I danced all night, and got to sit down and talk with everyone. I was truly a guest at my own wedding."

One very special memory, among so many others, stands out, she adds. "Before the ceremony, each guest had been given an envelope containing four Monarch butterflies. When we said our vows, which we had written ourselves, and then kissed, the guests opened the envelopes, releasing the butterflies."

"I had done some research and found that when Monarch butterflies take a mate, it is for life. And throughout their journeys, they travel together. What a wonderful sight, as those butterflies flew up into the sky. I think everyone who was there will always remember it."

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It certainly can be the most important dress of her life. Every bride is the star of her own wedding, but a dress that is perfect ensures the bride's confidence, poise, and panache. Flattering to the figure, reflecting her personality and style, and suitable to the theme of the event, the wedding gown is both a symbol and a statement.

Whether she is a first time or a second-time-around bride, her choice of dress — regal, sophisticated, sleek, streamlined, sexy, fashionably feminine, or elegantly simple — is a major focus of the wedding. All eyes are on the bride as she takes center stage.

Fitting her figure is crucial. Thin, tall, plump or petite — whatever the body shape, there is a suitable style, guaranteed to highlight one's best features and downplay those that are less flattering.

The selection of the wedding dress has become more and more important over the years. It is said that Queen Victoria set the trend of a white wedding gown in 1840 when she married Prince Albert. Before that, most brides wore their best dress, whatever the color, on their wedding day. In the years since, white came to symbolize purity. This has become somewhat problematic in more recent times, with weddings often following living together arrangements, and second or third time brides also choosing to wear white dresses.

Thus, in today's fashion world, white has come to be regarded as a symbol of joy and a new beginning, and it is certainly the choice of most brides, whatever their prior marital or non-marital status. Ivory and pastels are also popular for second marriages, report the fashion experts.

Plan on trying on several styles as well as experiencing fittings and alterations, notes Evelyn Goldring, owner of Evelyns Stacy in the Lawrence Shopping Center. "There are never less than five or six try-ons, certainly for a first wedding, and often for a second. The customer sometimes comes in with a pre-conceived idea of what she wants, and we certainly try to fulfill her wishes. If something seems unflattering, though, we will try to subtly suggest another style, and she will see that it is more flattering to her. We want her to look her very best."

75 Styles

The average bride selecting a traditional wedding gown has at least three fittings, adds Ms. Goldring. "We have three European-trained seamstresses on staff here, and we

will make sure the fit is just right."

Evelyns Stacy has many beautiful traditional bridal gowns — at least 75 different styles, all currently available at reductions of at least 50 percent. "Strapless is the most popular style today — it's very big," says Ms. Goldring. "A princess silhouette, box pleat or A-line in pure white, diamond white, or ivory are favorite choices, and satin, silk organza, and tulle are all in demand."

Many choices for second-time-around brides and mothers-of-the-bride and groom are also available, she reports. "Some opt for the traditional, others like a sleek ivory satin, with V-front and back. Colors are often ivory, ecru, and champagne, with variations, too, such as a deeper champagne or light café. Silk and crepe are popular fabrics."

"We also have several custom collections, with dresses fitted to bust, hip measurements, jacket and sleeve length, and with vast color

and fabric options."

If the bride opts for something definitely non-traditional, it may be a 3-piece ensemble, notes Ms. Goldring. "It could be a 3-piece with a strapless bustier, a bolero jacket and skirt. Some like a semi ball gown silhouette, and now, with destination weddings becoming more and more popular, dresses are less voluminous, slimmer, sleeker, more sophisticated, with columns of silk, satin, or chiffon."

Generally — although the style of the wedding is an important factor — most second-timers still like formal gowns, and typically the dresses are floor length. This is also true of the mother-of-the-bride and groom, adds Ms. Goldring. It can vary, with some selecting updated cocktail dresses, but most often, the moms opt for long dresses.

Young Attitude

Black is their color of choice at Evelyns Stacy, followed by graphite and champagne, and

they definitely want a dress or ensemble that reflects today's look. "Nine out of 10 mothers of the bride will say 'I am the mother of the bride, but I don't want to look like a mother of the bride! It's a question of attitude,'" says Ms. Goldring. "They want 'young attitude' clothing. They can be covered up or bare, but it has to be a 'today' look."

Liz Hock and Marian DeVeau of Merrick's agree. Noted for its wonderful array of ball gowns and fashions of all styles, this favorite women's shop does not carry bridal lines per se, but many of the fashions are very appropriate for second-time around brides and mothers-of-the-bride and groom.

"The mothers-of-the-bride of today do not want 'sedate'. They are often Baby Boomers, in great shape, and they want to look sexy and 'today'!" report Ms. Hock and Ms. DeVeau. "We also see a lot of mothers-of-the-bride and groom choosing ballerina and tea length dresses now."

Customers are often looking for dresses or ensembles that are versatile and can be worn for other occasions, they add.

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FLATTERING FIT: This lovely dress is especially suitable for a second time around bride or a mother-of-the-bride, says Evelyn Goldring, owner of Evelyns Stacy in the Lawrence Shopping Center. "With asymmetrical tiers of chiffon and lightly-beaded neckline, it is available in many pale colors. It is extremely flattering and appeals to all."



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"For example, we have 40-ply silk separates by Mark Helster, including three piece, with jacket shell, and skirt, popular both for moms and second time brides, and these are very versatile."

"Our clothes don't look like typical wedding dresses," they continue, "However, we carry the Carol Peretz line that is a wonderful source both for the bride and mother-of-the-bride and groom or maid of honor. Her dresses are very special, very timeless. For a second marriage, people are often looking for a more unusual look, and Carol Peretz fits this perfectly."

"When a person comes in and tells us she wants a dress for her wedding," adds Ms. DeVeau, "the first thing we will ask is when it is, where it is, what is the ambience? We listen, and we find out what she wants to look like."

Pieces of Art

"We can also offer the wonderful line of Magid Bernard, so feminine and really pieces of art," continues Ms. Hock. "They are not available on the east coast and are only offered in our trunk shows."

Second time around brides are frequently very confident and know their own style, but they are still receptive to advice, note Ms. DeVeau and Ms. Hock. "They often look at many colors to see what is best on them. We work on color a lot and give them our advice. Sometimes, they might think a particular color works, but it doesn't and also sometimes, they think they can't wear a certain color, when they really can."

Determining that whatever the bride or mother-of-the-bride or groom chooses fits properly and is appropriate for her figure is major, of course, and alterations are always available at Merrick's. "We all work together here," points out Ms. DeVeau. "We have a common goal. We want the customer to be happy in what she is wearing."

Lynn Rabinowitz, owner of Hedy Shepard, a popular Nassau Street women's boutique, notes that second time brides often come in to look at the selection. Although Hedy's is not a bridal shop, it can offer a variety of fashion for-

ward styles that are appealing to a second timer looking for something different.

Something Simpler

"We have dressy separates from many designers, but most appropriate are the dresses of Sylvia Heisel, with sophisticated fluid lines and beautiful fabrics. We have her lines available in trunk shows, including two scheduled for March 27 and 28," says Ms. Rabinowitz.

There are times when a bride, often out of sentiment, will choose a dress worn by her mother or grandmother. In these cases, alterations are nearly always required. As a friend, who opted to wear her mother's dress, reports, "At age 34, I didn't want a voluminous ball gown. Nor did I want a lot of attendants or bridesmaids wearing flowing garlands of tulle and lace marching down the aisle in a long parade. I liked the idea of something simpler. And I really wanted to wear my mother's dress, a silk faille with tasteful chantilly lace from the 1940s."

"I had it basically remade for me by a tailor in New York, which required many fittings, since the original dress was made for a much larger and taller woman, and the 'train' was something which could have held all the passengers who rode the dinky from Princeton to Princeton Junction! In fact, when the train was removed and the skirt trimmed down, there was enough material to make another dress and jacket!"

"When it was completed, it was perfect for me. The fit was just right, and the overall look reflected my own style, yet it was special in that my mother had worn it too."

Making it special is, of course, the point. Whether it's a traditional first time wedding gown or a more unusual second time around ensemble, it must reflect the personality and style of the bride. This is her moment, and the right dress surely enhances the joy of the occasion.

—Jean Stratton

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A Legal Guide

A common-sense guide to the rights and responsibilities of same-sex couples and families.

by
Stephen J. Hyland, Esq.

Same Sex Couples Advised In Book by Local Attorney

Local Attorney Stephen J. Hyland, of the Princeton law firm Hill Wallack, has published a guide to the rights and responsibilities of same-sex couples and families. *Domestic Partners: A Legal Guide* is distributed by Riverside Books, an imprint of Rutgers University Press (\$24.95).

When New Jersey's Domestic Partnership Act was signed into law by then Governor James McGreevey in January 2004, New Jersey became the fifth state to provide legal recognition for same-sex couples. Mr. Hyland's book addresses legal issues that are either not adequately explained or in some cases are simply not covered. The book is designed to clarify the extent of the newly-won rights and responsibilities for same-sex couples who may be considering domestic partnership in the state as well as those who may have already registered.

In addition to discussing the process of registration and the protections provided to couples choosing to register under the law, the Guide examines alternatives to a New Jersey domestic partnership and the ways in which a same-sex couple can extend their rights if they do register. Among the issues missing from the law the Guide covers are parenting, guardianship, wills and estate planning, and taxation.

The partner-in-charge of the Estates and Trusts practice group at Hill Wallack, Mr. Hyland has authored numerous articles on gay and lesbian legal issues. In October 2004, he and his partner registered as domestic partners.

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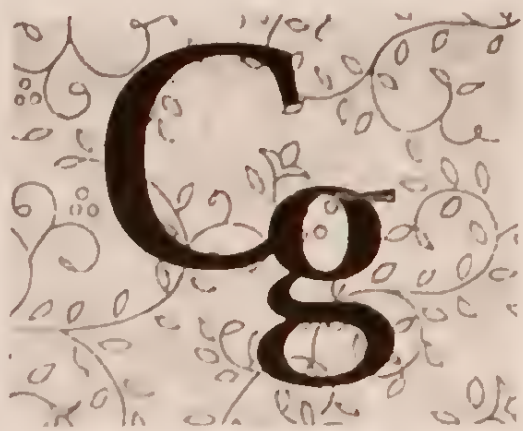
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The bride is a graduate of the University of California and earned her M.B.A. from the University of Illinois. The groom is a graduate from Princeton University and received his M.D. from Robert Wood Johnson University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is currently working on a fellowship in pediatric surgery at the the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa, Canada.

The bride and groom plan to have a reception for friends and family next spring. Until Dr. Jackson completes his current fellowship, the couple will reside in Ottawa.



Jahanna Marie Procaccini and Benjamin Gering

Procaccini-Gering. Johanna Marie Procaccini, daughter of Samuel and Diane Procaccini of Princeton, to Benjamin Michael Gering of Princeton, son of Ronald Gering of New Hope, Pa., and Diane Stemler of Ewing.

The bride-to-be attended the University of the Sciences School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia. She is currently employed by CVS Pharmacy.

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Correction

Bennett-Kelty. In publishing the engagement announcement of Kelli Bennett and her fiancé, Sean Kelty, last week, Town Topics used information provided by the family that has since been updated by the bride-to-be.

Mr. Kelty, previously employed as a legal assistant in the law offices of Ronald Stockham, P.C., is currently employed as a tax associate at Withum Smith & Brown in Princeton.

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